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Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Mrs. Jay Woodard was in the office last week and showed me a letter she had received from her son, PFC John Pratt, who is now serving with the Army in Vietnam. She stated that this was the first letter she had received from him since Jan. 19. He wrote that he was now on patrol duty in the Mekong Delta area below Saigon. According to the letter he hasn't seen any VCs yet, but has heard firing. In an answer to the question of his sister, Betsy, about shooting a VC, he said, "No, and doubt if I saw one and fired, if I could hit the broadside of a barn."

In case anyone would like to write to John, his address is as follows: PFC John Pratt, Co. B, 3139th 9th Inf. Div. APO San Francisco, Calif. 96373.

The joint meeting of the Men of the Raeford Churches held February 18 was well attended. The men were about evenly divided from the three churches but the count showed the Presbyterians had a head or two more. The Rev. J. C. Halliburton, a Baptist pastor from near Parkton, spoke and showed some slides of his stay in Colombia, South America as a Missionary. The program was well received by the group.

Albert L. Cox, Lt. Governor of Division Four, was in attendance along with four other Kiwanians from Sanford last Thursday night at the regular weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club. He made several announcements and made a few remarks. The program for the night was given by the Rev. Cortez Cooper. He gave a talk on "The New Left - A Gospel of Nihilism." The talk concerning the unrest of our college students and young people was from research and his own experience as a pastor in the past few years. The remarks made by Cooper opened the eyes of most Kiwanians.

The Key Club of Hoke County High School will have their annual Bar-B-Que tonight (Thursday) at the W. T. Gibson Cafeteria. The club will start serving at 5:00 p. m. and continue until 7:30 p. m. If you haven't already made plans for the night, be sure to go out and help these boys. This is the only way they have to raise money for their projects.

The Crazy Day Sale in Raeford last week was successful so far as merchants were concerned. One store owner stated that he didn't have as much to offer as some, but that the traffic through his store picked up during the three days. The cooperation of all merchants is what makes a sale event successful.

The observance of holidays is not to show respect anymore for a man or for a date, but just another day off or to make available a long weekend to workers. Three different times last week we were informed that an office would be closed Friday to observe George Washington's birthday which was on Saturday. The office was to be closed anyway Saturday so they were taking the holiday on Friday.

The trouble with some people who don't have much to say is that you have to listen so long to find that out.



SMOKE AND FLAMES claimed all the belongings in this house belonging to Fred and Lena McRae. Firemen were able to save the house itself.

In Case Of Rural Fires Call 875-4242

Radios have now been installed at all county fire stations and at the Sheriff's office so that all fire calls can be first received at that office.

Robert McNeill, Puppy Creek Communications chairman, and E. W. Coen, head of the North Raeford Fire Department, said that from now on every person discovering an escaped fire should call 875-4242 no matter what fire district they live in. (This does not include Raeford Fire Department).

When the call is received, a button will be pressed to sound off the alarm at the respective fire station. Each caller is expected to make it clear to the person answering the phone at 875-4242 whether they are calling from the Puppy Creek, Wayside, Rockfish, or North Raeford fire district.

The new system is expected to expedite fire-fighting service and to enable one fire truck to contact any other in the county when additional aid is needed.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Methodist Church Monday, March 3, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Clyde Upchurch, chairman, announced this week.

Upchurch said that since last year, response to the bloodmobile has been excellent and that the county has lacked only three pints catching up its deficit during the first half of the fiscal year.

There are two more collections before the end of the fiscal year, this one and one coming up in June. The new year begins July 1.

Hoke Swimming Assn. Holds Annual Meeting

The Hoke Swimming Association held its annual stockholders meeting at the Civic Center Tuesday night with approximately 25 members present. The meeting was presided over by Grover Owen, president. Owen read parts of the By-laws of the association dealing with the annual meeting.

The president called on Mrs. W. L. Howell, Jr., secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting and the January meeting of the Board of Directors. It was stated from the minutes of the directors meeting that Carolina Pool Co. of Sanford had signed a contract for \$2770 for repairs to the pool before the opening of the upcoming pool season. From the same minutes the board had directed the treasurer to turn the bookkeeping of the organization over to J. W. McPhaul, accountant, for a yearly fee of \$350.00. After the completion of the reading of the minutes some discussion came about over the hiring of McPhaul. No action was taken on the subject.

The treasurer, Lauchlin MacDonald, gave his report and reported receipts of \$8,085.69 for last year and expenditures of \$7,286.42 leaving a net profit for the year of \$799.27. The bank balance of the association as of December 31, 1968 was \$2,165.56. MacDonald also noted that 27 memberships were offered for sale at a book value of \$3,265.00.

Four new directors were elected for three year terms to fill the vacancy created by expiration of terms. These were Mrs. C. D. Bounds, Graham Pope, Jim Bowles and Gary Ikenbury. A recommendation by Lauchlin MacDonald that guests of club members that stayed in a home overnight be admitted free was approved and sent to the board of directors for final action.

The board of directors met following

the meeting and elected the following officers: Frank Blue, president; Graham Pope, vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Howell, Jr., secretary and Jim Bowles, treasurer. The directors rehired J. W. McPhaul to keep its books and dealt with other routine matters including approving the guests recommendation.

Lee Wright Is Charged With Assault

One man is in Womack Hospital and another is under arrest, as a result of a quarrel which started and ended on East 6th Avenue.

Chief L. W. Stanton reported that Policeman Leonard Wiggins and Jim West, were called to the address at the home of Lee Wright where they found Sgt. Reid Holt on his hands and knees bleeding from his head. He was taken to Womack Hospital by ambulance where he underwent an operation.

After further investigation by Chief L. W. Stanton, Wright said, according to Stanton, that he hit Holt in the head with a Croquet Mallet four times in self defense. A Lt. Simmons of Holt's outfit was present when Wright was questioned. Holt, who is in serious condition, has not been questioned.

Chief Stanton signed a warrant against Wright, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon causing serious and painful injury. The young man was released on \$500 bond for appearance at the March 28 term of court.

Committee Approves

\$30,000 Stadium For High School

'Excellent' Rating For Jail

Sheriff Dave Barrington's jail has at last won a rating of "excellent" from the Grand Jury.

The top grade rating came from the recent Grand Jury working under Judge William Y. Bickett with Mrs. Jean C. Johnson as jury foreman.

Ever since the opening of the bright, shiny and colorfully decorated new facility last fall, grand juries haven't seemed to be prompted to use 100 percent auspiciously descriptive words. The sheriff was each time left in wonderment, the jail was always spotlessly clean -- and

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Family In Need As Home Burns

The home of Fred and Lena McRae located beside the Raeford Lumber Company burned early Monday afternoon.

The blaze, which was started by a stove within the frame house, destroyed all of the interior and part of the roof of the structure.

Both parents were working at the time. A 9½ year-old girl and a 1½ year old baby girl were the only ones in the vicinity when the fire broke out. Both were unharmed. The family of five lost all of their belongings in the fire and smoke.

Those wishing to make contributions of clothing, furniture, or other items should bring these items to the Public Welfare Department on West Elwood Avenue.

Heart Drive Sunday Nets Over \$250

The annual Heart Sunday residential canvass, completed over the week-end by volunteers, has thus far added \$263.13 to the fight against diseases of the heart and blood vessels, it was announced by Jerry Goza, Heart Sunday Chairman of Raeford.

The Heart Sunday gifts brought the total realized during the month long campaign to \$573.27.

Goza explained that not all envelopes have been processed, and not all of them have been turned in by volunteers. Announcement of a final tally will be made within the next several days.

Further breakdown on the contributions to date are: basketball game, \$76.75; balloon days, \$216.85; memorials, \$10.50; coffee sales, \$6.00.

The second meeting of local citizens interested in the building of a new stadium on the grounds at the Gibson School met Wednesday night, February 19 at that school. The plans and blue prints for the stadium were presented by Raz Autry, high school principal, and Leonard Frahm represented his committee that was appointed at the first meeting to form plans to raise funds.

Autry presented blue prints of a stadium and after much discussion as to cost per seat, size of the grandstand and some revisions of the blue prints, the cost was estimated at \$30,000 for a stadium to seat 2000 people. The \$30,000 figure was discussed and some present were of the opinion that this was a lot of money to raise in Hoke County. Autry said, "30,000 seems like a lot of money to be raised in this manner, but look what the women did in a matter of a week or two. They raised \$8,000 for band uniforms."

Frahm said that the people must be assured that none of the money to be used for the stadium will come from taxes. The committee, Frahm stated, will raise the money from gifts from business firms, solicitations, and other fund-raising campaigns. Someone said the money would come if the citizens wanted the stadium.

The principal related again to the citizens present who were not at the first meeting why a new stadium was needed and why he would ask the Board of Education to approve the project. He listed five reasons which prompted him to begin studying the necessity of a stadium. They were:

(1) The amount of money to be spent in replacing the bleachers at the old stadium. The bleachers have rotted and dangerous to the point of making the school liable. The repairs and replacement of them would cost approximately \$12,000, he said. Light poles are in bad shape and linemen will not replace the

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Phones, Power Slowly Restored

Raeford and Hoke County residents were hard hit by loss of electric power during last week's snow and ice storm.

Many homes were without current, there-by without heat and in many cases water for two or three days and more. The home of June Johnson on Vass road was without water, heat, lights and phone on Friday after the snow came on the Saturday night before.

Mrs. Ruria Warner on rural Route 3, said that she had lights Friday night for the first time since Sunday and then with the meter lying on the ground.

Mid-week, Edgar Geddie, assistant vice-president in charge of transmission and distribution for Carolina Power and Light Co., said the company had approximately 2,000 people involved in various ways in the effort to complete restoration of service. The company brought in 236 extra crews, numbering more than 1,000 men.

Geddie said that this storm caused more damage to the company's transmission lines than any previous ice storm of hurricane.

Mayor And County Chairman Proclaim

Friday, February 28, Jo Hall Day

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

Tomorrow is going to be Josephine Hall Day in Raeford and as a matter of fact all over Hoke County. Mayor H. R. McLean has declared it so as has Chairman T. C. Jones of the Board of County Commissioners.

Miss Hall will retire as of that day after 30 years of service in Hoke County Extension work.

On that day, all adults, men and women of both Raeford and the county, are invited to pay her homage by attending either an afternoon tea, between the hours of 4 and 5:30 p. m. or a reception that night between the hours of 7:30 and 9 p. m. Both will be held at the Hoke County Civic

Center with her own club women making and serving refreshments.

The parties will terminate a day in which all present and former Home Demonstration (now Homemakers) Club will pause -- and reminisce. They will recall happy times at functions jointly planned and enjoyed with Miss Hall, eventful trips she made possible for them, and the fellowship they have shared because the home agent gave them that little pull or push needed, to get them out to participate.

During their daily household routine, many will note the well-tailored draperies they were able to have, or to save money on, because Miss Hall showed them how to make

them properly and where to go to buy quality materials at prices they could afford. They will take a prideful look at the once old relic of a chair or chest they dug from the barn. It is now one of the home's most cherished pieces because at one of Miss Hall's workshops, they learned how to strip it down, repair it, put in a cane bottom, if necessary, and refinish it like new.

Some can look around and see a modern and convenient home that once didn't exist or a modernized one developed from grandpa's old house. All were made possible because Miss Hall, working jointly with Hoke Agricultural Agent W. S. Young, helped them with floor plans, cabinet design, storage and utility space. And then

they educated them as to how to go about getting a home loan to finance the project.

Everyone will remember Josephine Hall as a public servant who answered the call in town or county when a job was to be done. Her extra community service, although sandwiched in, almost equalled her line of duty in extension work.

It has so often been said, "Jo Hall will be good for that job," that she was once thoughtlessly appointed to head up a committee of a club to which she didn't even belong.

Both town and county women have gone to her for advice on family financial management, home improvement, work

simplification and sewing.

God gave Jo Hall a lot of talents and she has developed them all. If she has a specialty that stands out above all the others, it is probably sewing. Many a Hoke County young woman who could not put in a hem is today making dresses for herself and her children because of Miss Hall. Many others who had been exposed to the sewing machine but could only make a house dress took one of her advanced tailoring courses and are now making their second or third spring suit.

As for herself, Miss Hall has made her own clothes when she could find time. But often, when the need arose, there just wasn't time even to select material and necessary

accessories. So, a minute was snatched to run to the dress shop for a ready-made.

Requests have come from every corner for all types of sewing and cooking. Never, unless there was a confection of dates, was any group turned down, whether the call came for meals to feed 25 or 225. She took the reins in hand and went to work. Her club women always stood cooperatively ready to help, but the brunt of the job, nevertheless, was on her.

Year in and year out, she would not have felt she was living her own life, had not there been such calls as: "Will you help us get up this program? Will you write a history of Hoke County for us?"

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MISS JOSEPHINE HALL