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DOUBLE SHOT - The first to make a contribution toward the projected Hoke High School stadium were high school students. It came two-fold when Nancy Lipscomb, president of the Future Business Leaders of America Club and Dale Jones, president of the Key Club, each presented checks to L. G. Frahm, right, president and C. D. Bounds, left, treasurer, of the stadium association. Nancy's gift to which she said her group hopes to make an addition soon, was for \$41. The Key Club contribution, raised with a recent barbecue supper, was \$250.

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Allen Wood, secretary of the Hoke High Key Club, wrote a letter to me this week thanking the paper for the coverage it gave the recent Bar-B-Q supper. "Without your help, it would not have been the success it was," the letter stated. We like thank you letters because they are few and far between the ones we receive telling us of our mistakes and misgivings. The club made over \$300 on the feed from reports.

Ralph Wallace, a former teacher at Raeford High School during the early thirties, is a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital and has been there for about three weeks. Ralph was football and baseball coach during his teaching days at Raeford. The boys that were under him in school and on the ball teams were also members of the local National Guard unit that was inducted into the army in 1940.

In 1941 the local unit received the first inductees into its unit. Among these inductees was Ralph Wallace of West End. Most of the former students of Wallace were now his instructors either as corporals or sergeants. You can imagine the fun we had with this new recruit. When our unit went overseas in early 1942 Ralph went to OCS at Camp Davis near Wilmington. He came out of the service either as a Major or Lt. Colonel. Tom Conoly came in and was telling me about Ralph and said he was real sick, but would be glad to see his former students and old army buddies. If any of you can go up to Pinehurst and visit with him, please do so.

Israel Mann, ambassador for Raeford and now a retired merchant, was in the office Saturday morning. Israel is always talking for the good of Raeford and the people of Hoke County - always something good - never bad.

Last Thursday night at the Raeford Kiwanis Club meeting, after the program by the local Girl Scouts, Bill Lancaster, president, made several announcements. As we all do sometimes, we can't seem to stop talking in time and this happened to Bill.

It seems Bill and Israel went to a meeting of the Belmont Club recently when the president of Kiwanis International was in attendance. Bill was commenting on the trip and giving the other members the lowdown for the record.

A few years ago Lee Moser, pastor at the Methodist Church, was president of the club and it seems that Lee and Israel went to the state convention for a few years together. It was rumored that Israel always would take a bottle of Vodka along when he was with Moser.

President Bill told the group that the only thing missing on the trip to Belmont was the bottle of Vodka and asked Israel before the group why he didn't take it along?

Israel stood up while laughter came from his fellow Kiwanians and said, "I checked the day before the trip and found out that you were a Baptist."

A Tongue Twister

Double bubble gum bubbles double baring trouble.

Man Charged

With Murder

In Wife's Death

Leslie McMillan, a Hoke County man, is in County Jail charged with the murder of his wife.

Sheriff's Deputy James Adams was summoned to McMillan's home at 9:00 A.M. Sunday on a call received through the Raeford Police Dept. McMillan had reportedly been firing a shotgun earlier in the morning and was causing a disturbance in the neighborhood.

According to reports, when Adams arrived at the scene he instructed McMillan to stop threatening his wife and to go back into the house. He instructed McMillan's wife to get into the back of the patrol car, but as she was doing so McMillan fired once with the shotgun striking her in the head. The woman was apparently killed instantly.

According to Sheriff Dave Barrington, Adams then drew his gun and forced McMillan to drop his weapon. It was stated that at this point McMillan became relatively docile and began weeping as he was taken into custody.

The motive for the slaying has not yet been determined.

Town, County & SEDC Leaders Meet

Industry And Housing Primary County Needs

For Hoke And Scotland

Bill Introduced To Repeal 'Anti-Single Shot' Voting

Rep. Neill McFadyen said Monday that he has reason to believe that the so-called "Anti-single shot" voting, which prevails in 22 counties in the state, will be contested as to legality according to the constitution.

With this in mind, he plans to introduce a bill in the legislature this week which would repeal the law in Hoke County.

"It is my belief that if the existing law is contested, it will be found unconstitutional," he declared.

The present relative method of voting, as required by a special act, demands that voters check the ballot opposite five names of candidates for a given board of commissioners if there are five seats to be filled - or six, if there are six seats to be filled, etc.

McFadyen said his bill would repeal the law for both Hoke and Scotland counties, thereby allowing any local voter to cast a ballot for only one man if he so chooses and leave all the other blocks unchecked. As the law now stands, the

ballot is thrown out unless the voter votes for enough candidates to fill the entire board in question.

In other discussion, the representative noted that a proposal of one legislature is to eliminate the North Carolina intangibles tax. He emphasized at this point he is neither for nor against the idea but admitted that the tax is driving well-to-do residents, after retirement, to move to other states where there is no such tax. By the same token it would keep others from coming here to retire. He will, nevertheless, have an open ear to

discussion on the subject, he said.

The Bank Bill, introduced recently by McFadyen, has passed both houses and has been ratified. It frees bank officials and employees for borrowing up to \$45,000 from the bank they work for. Heretofore, it was illegal for any bank to lend any employee or official any sizeable amount.

The representative noted that a bill to make Pembroke State College a university had gone into committee with 70 signatures on it.

Some Raeford leaders place industry first and foremost of all Hoke County needs and some others think housing must come first.

Town and county commissioners and other community leaders met Monday night at the courthouse with heads of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission to present what it termed the county's most urgent needs which could be aided by SEDC.

Town Commissioner J. D. McMillian appeared to be a little upset when Paul Butler, SEDC analyst, commented that industry is not always what a community needs first. It could be better housing, he suggested.

McMillian replied that this town needs more smoke stacks. "If we get these, the people will get their own house." He said that he didn't see why the town couldn't get an industry. "We have a disposal plant on which we are spending a million dollars for expansion. We have a neat clean town with every street paved and we have not been successful in securing an industry while other near-by towns seem to be getting them."

He was asked if the county had a fulltime industrial developer and said if there was none SEDC would be glad to help get one. Harold Gillis, Chamber of Commerce manager, said there was a planning and development commission here and Butler assured him that SEDC could be a tremendous help to the commission. Asked by Gillis how he would help, Butler said he was in position to know both who is looking for industry and what industrial firms are looking for places in which to locate.

G. A. Robinson, Negro leader, said, "We need both housing and better roads. Getting back to statistics, McMillian said, 'They don't mean a thing. Any house ranging in value under \$10,000 or \$15,000 is considered substandard.'"

The Rev. Cortez Cooper declared, "We, nevertheless, have a poor housing problem" He also said he was shocked to learn that such a large number of persons who work in industries here were

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Hoke Singers Rate Superior In Wilmington

Hoke singers walked away with the highest ratings that could be attained at the Wilmington Music Festival held Friday.

Mrs. Neil A. McNeill reported that the High School Chorale and the High School Chorus each won superior rating. This

cannot be topped. "The boys and girls are to be commended on such an achievement," Mrs. McNeill said. "It is not an easy level to reach."

The Raeford Boys Chorus rated excellent, which is only one step below the superior rating. The festival was judged by a panel of strict judges, the director said.

She also reported that 23 of her singers have been invited to sing in the All-state Choral Festival to be held in Greensboro on March 28-29. This is also considered an honor.

The Boys Chorus has been invited to sing Sunday night at Brownson Memorial Church in Southern Pines.

Girl Scouts To Parade Sat.

Hoke County Girl Scout parade Saturday morning and afternoon event on McLauchlin School grounds will wind up the local observance of National Girl Scout Week. The parade will feature a float and many marching units.

Mrs. C. R. Pursley, Girl Scout Week chairman, said that the line-up will form at Main Street on the corner of Central Avenue at 10:30 a.m. It will proceed north on Main to McLauchlin School where the girl scout program will be presented.

Everyone is invited to participate in the parade and those wishing to be a spectator for the events to take place on the school ground are asked to fall in behind the parade.

Mrs. Milo Postel is supervising the building of a float which will feature the

theme, "World Friendship." The float will carry Troop 169. The girls will be dressed in costumes representing countries around the world.

Troop 397 will serve as color guard. Marching units will be Brownie troops, 421, 355, 352, 318; Junior troops 190, 835, Cadette troop, 521, and Senior troop, 384.

The program following the parade will begin with a flag raising ceremony by Troop 397. Everyone will be invited to join in the singing of "America," and the Brownies will follow with a pledge of promise. There will also be other songs and girl scout promises.

Mrs. Pursley said that the girls have put in a "tremendous amount of time and energy on the exhibits and ceremonies and are looking forward to a big day."

Stadium Meeting Friday 7:30

A meeting of the Hoke High Stadium Fund will be held tomorrow (Fri.) night at 7:30 o'clock at the Gibson School Cafeteria.

The meeting was originally planned for tonight but because of

conflict with basketball games the new date was set.

Leonard Frahm, chairman, said that the committee will submit plans for a fund-raising campaign. All persons interested in a first class stadium in the county are invited to attend.

Two Full Time Workers To

Wage War On Malnutrition

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

If babies are born with low hemoglobin and children grow up in the lap of malnutrition, it won't be the fault of the federal government!

The country has gone nutrition conscious and emphasis on the importance of proper diet is being placed in Hoke County with the employment of two workers who will devote their time to education of and individual contact with low income families. They will work in connection with the local office of the North Carolina State University Extension Service.

County Agricultural Chairman W. S. Young says the move is an aftermath of widespread publicity at the national level on hunger and malnutrition in the United States.

According to Dr. H. H. McLean, Southeastern District Director of Health, hunger is not necessarily the word in Hoke County but "malnutrition" fits like a glove.

Progress has already been made here, he pointed out, but hundreds of babies are being

born to be sick or retarded because prior to their birth the diet of their mothers was not sufficient to give the infant a healthy start. The child, therefore, faces life with low hemoglobin and not enough iron in store with which to fight off disease.

Negro women, especially pregnant ones, disclose that their diet includes of white clay. They claim that it is not because they are hungry enough to devour dirt, but they started eating it for various reasons and now they like it. Many have secret hillside holes from which they spoon out the sticky stuff. It is not always easy to find in sandy soil such as is prevalent in Hoke County.

Dr. McLean said the habit is not peculiar to this county. Other health departments have uncovered the same fact. It has been suspected that the moist, grayish white soil which these people find palatable is satisfying a lack in the diet but scientists have not been able to prove that clay has any other food value. On the other hand it is detrimental.

Questioned as to why they eat clay, some expectant mothers declare they eat it

because their mothers did. Their mothers thought it was good for women who were in the family way.

Clay, the physician says, causes the hemoglobin to become low. The baby, therefore, suffers from the ailment before and after it is born. Neither does a baby, whose mother ate clay during pregnancy and otherwise lived on a poor diet, have enough iron stored up to begin a healthy life.

Brain cells of the unborn baby can be lessened by lack of protein in the mother's diet, it was pointed out. A child which begins life unhealthy and continues through the first year without a proper diet may reach the stage of one local welfare case where an 11-month-old infant weighs 14 pounds and does not sit alone.

Another child, six years old, weighs 31 pounds. Because of malnutrition, the health department has found hookworm treatment necessary for her. Dr. McLean said infestation of hookworm is 35 percent across the board in the county.

Children seized by worms

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HEALTH CENTER PATIENT - Joanne tells Mrs. Ceruzzi, regional health coordinator that she likes to eat but it doesn't make her fat. The little girl, brought to the clinic by Lewis Oxendine, home visitor for South Hoke School, is six years old and weighs only 31 pounds. Her trouble could come from one or more of several causes, according to the doctor.