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Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

A letter from Peter B. Young last week came as a surprise. Pete is now public relations director for Keyes, Martin & Company in Springfield, N. J. The company handles advertising, marketing and public relations. He states that in the coming months he will have articles in major magazines including Esquire.

He sends regards to all his friends and especially Harry Harrison and David Barrington. The last paragraph of the letter states, "Slip me a few copies of the N-J so I can see how it has deteriorated since you lost the one and only and original."

The P. S. was "Roll 'em Sam."
Yes, the same old Pete Young.

Eli Shankle was by the office last week and Lucy Gray and I were trying to get a quote out of him, but to no avail. It seems Eli thinks he has been quoted and misquoted enough by newspapers. He did say that he was of the age that the ladies didn't bother him anymore. I guess he can still think?

A picture in The Fayetteville Observer Monday caught my eye when the name of one of the girls in the picture was named Jane Player McPhaul. Mrs. Mitchell Epstein called me Monday night and asked if I saw the picture and said that the girl was the daughter of Jack McPhaul. She is now "Miss Southern Pines" having won the beauty contest in that town last week.

Wendell Young, county agent, spoke at the meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club last week. He gave some interesting figures about farm income in the county and also the future outlook for farmers. Tonight (Thursday) Frank Crumpler has the program and he invites anyone who is a music lover to attend at 7 o'clock at the Civic Center. Frank will present a seven-year-old pianist from Mt. Airy who is the talk of that part of the state. The boy, according to Frank, has been playing the piano since the age of three.

Last Thursday I went to Raleigh with Paul, Margaret and Anne Dickson to be present to hear the resolution to Laurie McEachern read on the floor of the House of Representatives. This was my first trip to Raleigh this year since the General Assembly has been in session. The beauty of the State House is something everyone can be proud of. It gives you the feeling that the business at hand is very important, which it is.

Of course you expect to see the senators and representatives from your district when you go to Raleigh but I was surprised in seeing so many people I had become acquainted with over the years since YDC days. When the political bug bites it seems to really take hold of some people and it just won't turn them loose. Then again some of them don't want to be turned loose.

The interest in the doings of the legislature is great because it was almost impossible to get a seat in the balcony. I would hate to be there when some very important issue is before them or an important speech is being made. Of course class after class of school children are marching in and out all day long.

If you are in Raleigh during the next month or so stop by and receive the first class hospitality of our Representatives McFadyen, McMillan, Speros and Campbell; also our Senators Henley and McGeachy.



MARCH'S BEQUEST - April showers bring May flowers but this double flowering peach tree will be inherited by the incoming month when March goes out next Monday. The blossoming tree will not bear fruit but it makes up for everything with its mass pale pink blossoms when it reaches full peak.

John K. McNeill Files For Mayor

A second contender for the office of Mayor of Raeford has paid his filing fee and put his name on the dotted line.

John K. McNeill, who has served on the town board for the past 16 years announced this week that he feels his past experience has qualified him for the advisory position of mayor. He has served through the lengthy terms of both Mayor H. R. McLean and former Mayor Alfred Cole.



Mayor McLean filed as a candidate to succeed himself.

While on the board McNeill has headed many important committees and has served as chairman of finance, as water commissioner, as police commissioner and in a number of other leadership capacities.

He is a planner and raw material procurer at Burlington Mills where he has worked for the past 18 years. He is married and has three children in college and one in high school. Mrs. McNeill is a teacher at Hoke High.

Penalty To Be Imposed On Late Water Bill Payers

Beginning April 1, all Raeford utility users will be liable for additional charges if water bills are not paid on time, John Gaddy, town manager, announced this week.

On the back of all bills sent out the last of March, a time limit is stated. Bills will be due on or before the 10th of the month. If not paid by the 15th, a cut-off will be imposed without a second notice. When water is cut off, a fee of \$3 will be charged before it is restored again. The former fee was only \$1.

For Vietnam Action

Captain Beach Recommended

For Second Highest Award

Captain Martin H. Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Beach of 1405 Lake View Road, Fairmont, will be returning from Vietnam on March 20, for reassignment to Fort Benning, Ga.

Captain Beach is a graduate of Fairmont High School, and has completed three and a half years of college at Florida Military College and The University of Georgia. He was married to Ann T. Gatlin from



Raeford in 1966. Captain Beach joined the Army in 1965, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduating from Fort Sill, Oklahoma's officers candidate school in 1967. He has been in the Republic of Vietnam since 27 December 1967, operating from Tay Ninh near the Cambodian border to Saigon and the Coastal Region. During his first nine months he served as an artillery forward observer and liaison officer for the Infantry, directing vital artillery support against the enemy. While in the field with the Second Battalion, Twelfth Infantry, he saw action in the battles of Tay Hoa, Saigon, Boio Woods, Hobo Woods, The Iron Triangle and The Trapzoid.

In November 1968, Captain Beach took command of Battery C, Second Battalion, 77th Artillery. He led the battery through six months of successful operations at Mahone I, situated about 45 miles North of Saigon, beside the Saigon

river. Recently, during this year TET offensive, Captain Beach commanded "Charlie" Battery at the battle of Mahone II near Dau Tieng, Vietnam. During this battle it is estimated more than 100 enemy soldiers were killed and a large stock of weapons and ammunition were captured.

As a result of Captain Beach's actions during this battle, he has been recommended for the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the next highest award for gallantry to the Congressional Medal of Honor. This will be a fine addition to his already impressive list of medals for valor, which include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with "V" and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Resolution Honors McEachern

A joint resolution honoring the life and memory of Laurie McEachern, former member of the General Assembly was read into the minutes Thursday at 12 noon during a session held in the State House in Raleigh.

Sponsored by Representatives Neill McFadyen, R. D. McMillan, R. L. Campbell and Gus Speros of Robeson County, the resolution read in part:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina has been deeply grieved by the death of the Honorable Laurie McEachern of Hoke County on December 26, 1968.

"During the lifetime of Laurie McEachern, he rendered outstanding service to his community, his county and state. As a religious and civic leader, he was a distinguished citizen in various activities and as a member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly from Hoke County for eight years.

"The General Assembly wishes to record its appreciation of his life and his contributions to the state of North Carolina. It shares the sorrow of his death and desires to express its sympathy to his family for the loss of a distinguished member."

Attending that session were, Mrs. McEachern, of Hoke County, widow of the late representative, Mrs. Ben Lamm, his daughter, and Mr. Lamm; of Chapel Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson, Miss Anne Dickson and Sam Morris, of Raeford.

Band Concert Postponed

The Band concert set for tonight has been postponed until Tuesday, April 1, at 8 p.m. due to a conflict with revivals taking place in the area.

The annual performance of Upchurch and Hoke High School bands will take place at the high school gym at 8 p.m. All popular music will be played under the direction of Jimmie James, bandmaster.

Raeford Woman's Club Horse Show Here Saturday

Town Of Raeford Soon To Become City Of Raeford

According to Rep. Neill L. McFadyen, the Town of Raeford will soon become "The City of Raeford."

The representative has introduced a bill which, when passed and ratified, will not only change the name of the town but will change the name of its governing body from Town Board of Commissioners to City Council.

There was a time when an argument could be raised as to what constitutes a town and what goals a town must reach before it becomes a city. It was thought that the population figure was the determining factor. There is no proof of this.

A city can be any municipal corporation occupying a definite area as long as it is subject to the state from which it derives its powers. There is no uniformity in the legal characteristics of a city throughout the United States but for every city a charter is its fundamental law.

Any place of importance with business district and residential area can be called a city. In most states, the name denotes a municipality ranking higher in population than a town, borough or village. But no limitations are set as to when a town ceases to be a town, at what size in area of population a community ceases to be a village, or how many people must live in a municipality before it becomes a city.

Webster says a town is a place which is a population and business center and is recognized as such geographically and politically. It is larger and more fully incorporated than a village but not incorporated as a city. It is any large closely populated place, as a city, a borough or urban district.

Committee Reports

\$4200 For Stadium

It was reported by Principal Raz Autry that the High School faculty has contributed a total of \$800.

Every person is asked to purchase a seat (\$15). Families are requested to buy one for each family member.

Tomorrow night a radio-thon will be held. "We are going to do anything on the air we're asked to do," C. D. Bounds, treasurer, said, "in order to bring in the contributions."

A tally board has been erected in the window at Niven's Appliance and Furniture Store. Records of progress will show nothing but cash contributions.

Autry, in reporting on what the students are doing, said the seniors are working like trojans and will only get to use the stadium once - at graduation. They have already turned in \$400.

He pointed out that next fall the stadium will be needed for 20 football games played by teams of Upchurch and the high school. It will be used 10 times for rallies, 10 times for assemblies and for other gatherings in the first semester and for many activities during the spring months and at the close of school.

This has unofficially been "Build a Stadium Week," at the high school. When the student body asked for permission to raise some money on their own, they were given free reigns.

Enthusiasm Abounds

After the Key Club and the Future Business Leaders of America Club made the first contribution to the stadium fund, other students wanted to do something. Autry said he believed the young people would raise \$1,500 before they quit and not once have they been encouraged to join in the running.

This week their first step was to create competition between the classes by offering an incentive award. In each room, student furrowed their brows, scratched their thinking heads and went to work.

In order not to thwart any profitable idea or venture, principal and teachers are closing their eyes to a few rules and everyone is having a ball while the cash rolls in.

The senior class has already held a

popular music concert and sponsored a dance.

Getting by with antics usually on the forbidden list one group sold \$78 worth of chewing gum plus a written gum-chewing permit for three cents a stick. Another group sold colas on the grounds, the first time this has been done since Principal Autry came here two years ago.

Juniors have held sale after sale of baked goods and are now in the process of selling a TV set.

A boys' beauty contest is planned and a "Come As You Are Day" was held. "I agreed for them to come dressed any way

The Raeford Woman's Club will stage its fifth annual horse show here Saturday with the Quarter Horse back in the ring.

This is expected to bring the largest number of horses here yet and bring owners with their charges from as many as five or six states.

This year's show will again feature five performances in two rings at Stanton Farms on Highway 401 North. This will be the first time in several years the quarter horse has been a part of the show.

First show will begin at 9 a.m. The second at 1 p.m. and the third at 7 p.m. In Ring 1 will be English - Western horses and Ring 2, the quarter horse.

Value of cash prizes, trophies and ribbons is set at more than \$2,000.

Entry in the quarter horse show is restricted to AQHA registered Quarter Horses. All AQHA rules will be observed and the show is AQHA approved allowing owners to build up points for their show horses. Mares and Stallions foaled two years ago or before will be judged beginning at 9 a.m. Horsemanship will be included in the following competition as will other tricks of the trade.

Champions and reserves will be shown in the first six classes in Ring 1, beginning at 9 a.m. Included will be two and three-year old stallions and mares as well as those over three years old. There will be exhibitions of pleasure ponies, pleasure horses, five-gaited, walking horses and others.

Continuing at 1 p.m., there will be more of the same with the ladies and youngsters coming in for competition.

To be eligible to show in the night classes, horses must have been entered, shown and judged in at least one other class in this division.

Judges for the English show will be Ray Pittman, Winterhaven, Fla., William R. Lewis, Pennsylvania, quarter horse division.

Announcers will be T. N. Ingraham, Fayetteville, English show; C. W. Minges, Fayetteville, quarter horse show.

Ring Masters will be Phil Diehl, Raeford, English show; Bobby F. Coats, Raeford, English show.

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Country Store At Show

A sideline feature of the Woman's Club horse show will be the "Country Store," which will be manned by club women.

On sale will be interesting items of

various types plus cakes, cookies, candies and other home-cooked foods.

Chairman of the Country Store project is Mrs. J. L. McNeill.

Ed Murray Promoted By Burlington Worsteds

Edmund Murray, formerly manager of the Raeford Worsteds Plant of the Burlington Worsteds division of Burlington Industries, has been promoted to vice president and group manufacturing manager, it was announced today.

In his new position, Mr. Murray has

manufacturing responsibilities for the Raeford Plant, for the Hot Springs, N.C. Plant, and a third plant at Drakes Branch, Va. He succeeds Erwin Sibley, who is on an extended leave of absence with the Company.

Mr. Murray joined Burlington in 1958 at Lexington, N. C., after eight years' experience with other textile firms. He was named plant manager at the Halifax, Va. plant of Burlington Worsteds (then Pacific Mills) in 1960, returned to Lexington as plant manager in 1963, and was named manager at Raeford in 1964.

He is a native of Georgia, is a textile graduate of Georgia Tech., class of 1950, and has been active in a number of community programs since moving to Raeford.

