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Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The article elsewhere in the paper about letting the contract for the stadium shows what a community can do in a short time when everyone works together. In just over two months from the first meeting over \$20,000 had been raised. A job well done by all.

The radiothon last Friday afternoon and night brought forth from C. D. Bounds a statement worth repeating. C. D. was asking for donations and finally requested that the people who did not have their radios on to do so and send in some money. We stated in this column that Raz got through to Charlotte without a radio, but I didn't know that C. D. had found out the secret!

The wholehearted endorsement of the stadium project by the students was visible Monday afternoon when they assembled at three o'clock in the gym. I was at the gym when it was announced to the students that the contract had been let and the stadium should be finished in time for graduation. The cheers and applause almost tore the roof off the building.

If everyone will continue the hard work the other \$10,000 should be in before long.



CELEBRITY? A well known (locally) beatnik was on hand Saturday entertaining guests while they ate their fish. We didn't get his autograph but he sure was the center of attraction.

A picture on the front page of Progress the monthly newspaper of the Democratic Party of North Carolina caught my eye this week. In the picture was Miss Mary Black McBryde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster McBryde of Raeford. Mary is the president of the N. C. Democratic Club in Washington and made a talk at the 33rd Annual Congressional Dinner in honor of the N. C. Representatives.

She works in the office of Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and any time you bump into the senator and he finds out you are from Hoke County, Mary's name will come forth. The senator is high in his praise of Mary and we are proud of the high honor bestowed on her by the many North Carolinians in Washington. Keep up the good work, Mary.

The annual \$50 a plate Jefferson-Jackson Democratic dinner will be held in Raleigh Saturday night. The speaker will be Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina. The quota for Hoke County was seven tickets and they will all be used. If anyone would like a ticket I can get some extra tickets and would be glad to oblige.

Charlie Hottel had charge of the program for the Raeford Kiwanis Club April 4 and presented Mr. and Mrs. Bill Speyer of the Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw. They both made short talks about the home and the 106 boys there. Slides were shown about the work of the staff, boys and the camp site. The work these people are doing for delinquent youth is amazing.

The motto of the camp is: "A Boy Saved Is A Man Made."



ROY G. SOWERS, JR.

Sowers To Speak At Chamber Meeting

The Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, Roy G. Sowers, Jr. will speak at the annual dinner meeting of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce. Harold Gillis, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that tickets for the dinner are now on sale. The meeting is on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the W. T. Gibson School.

Sowers was appointed Director of the Department by Governor Robert Scott. A native of Sanford, Sowers was Scott's campaign manager during the 1968 fall campaign.

He took a leave of absence from the Roberts Company at Sanford where he was vice president, to join the Scott campaign this year. He was graduated from Wake Forest University in 1948 with a degree in business administration.

Sowers served as a lieutenant colonel in the psychological warfare branch of the U. S. Army Reserve.

Marine Charged With Break-Ins

The accomplice of William Peterkin, who is charged with felonious breaking and entering, has apparently been found. He is Rudolph Singletary, a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune. Singletary, Negro, age 21, has been charged with two of the five break-ins that have occurred in Raeford within the last three months. The two allegedly committed by Singletary are the Carter's Esso Station

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No Candidates

With the deadline only two days away, not one person had filed as of Wednesday morning to become a candidate for a seat on the town board.

The latter part of March, incumbent H. R. McLean filed, as a candidate to succeed himself and a week later, Town Commissioner John K. McNeill became a contender for the same post.

Even if all other town commissioners come forth and file the last day, McNeill's action will leave a vacancy on the board. Last year, most of the candidates waited until the last day and some even came in with the filing fee only five minutes before the books were closed.

Deadline for filing this year is tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Registration books will also open tomorrow and will remain open each day through the following Friday, with the exception of Sunday. Mrs. Kate Blue Covington, registrar, will hold the books open at her home each day except Saturday when registrations will be accepted all day at the town office.

Only persons who were not registered for the last election will be required to register at this time.

Prisoner Escapes While Deputy Sheriff Waits

A State's prisoner, standing charged with felonious breaking and entering, made a temporary escape from custody at District Court Friday afternoon.

According to Sheriff Dave Barrington, William Peterkin, who stood charged in connection with several recent burglaries in and around Raeford, was in custody awaiting a hearing in the County Court House early Friday afternoon when he asked to make a visit to the men's room on the second floor.

Two Sheriff's deputies escorted the prisoner to the small accommodation near the prisoners' box at the rear of the courtroom and waited for him outside.

According to Barrington, when Peterkin discovered an insulated cable for a new air conditioning system suspended outside the window from the roof of the building to its base, he quietly locked the door to the restroom and slid down the wire to the ground.

When Peterkin was apprehended some four hours later near the Raeford junk yard he complained of having sore hands.

Head-on Collision Saturday On US 401

Clarence J. Wilson, soldier from Fort Bragg, suffered facial injury in a head-on collision on U. S. 401 last Saturday at 5:30 p.m. According to Sam Motley, investigating officer in the accident, the collision occurred when Wilson, driving a 1964 Buick, traveling north on U. S. 401, passed a car waiting to turn left on rural paved 1210 (road that leads from 401 to the Aberdeen Highway, in front of Clark's Gulf Station). The car Wilson collided with, a 1962 Pontiac, driven by Leroy Griffin, Raeford, was traveling south on 401.

Wilson will be charged with illegal passing upon his release from Womack Army Hospital. John T. Cohen, owner of the car driven by Wilson, was a passenger in that car. Both cars were a total loss. Motley was assisted in the investigation by officer Jim West.

Charged With Wife Slaying McMillan Bound Over To Superior Court Friday

In district court on Friday preliminary hearing was held for Leslie Lee McMillan. McMillan is charged with the shotgun slaying of his wife.

Sheriff's deputy James Adams testified that on the morning of April 1 he was summoned to McMillan's house to investigate reports that McMillan had been firing a shotgun in the vicinity.

Adams said that when he arrived at the scene, he spotted McMillan near one corner of the house with the shotgun. He said that when he told McMillan to stop firing the gun and to go back into the house, McMillan's wife came to the window of the patrol car to speak with him.

After a brief conversation, according to Adams, McMillan's wife suddenly attempted to get into the left rear side of the patrol car. At this point, according to Adams' testimony, McMillan suddenly appeared on his left and fired with the 12

\$10,000 Still Needed But Contract Let For New Hoke High Stadium

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

A contract for Hoke County football stadium was let Monday after a big weekend fund-raising campaign brought the cash on hand for the projected Hoke High School Stadium above the \$20,000 mark.

Monday was the contract-signing deadline if the structure was to be ready in time for the June 3, graduation exercises. The decision to let a contract was made Monday morning by the committee after a final tallying of funds. Chairman Leonard Frahm got on the phone immediately and gave the go-ahead word to S & G Pre-Stress Concrete Co. of Wilmington.

Principal Raz Autry called the 1,400 high school students and teachers together to break the good news. "They have worked so hard, I want them to be the first to know," he remarked as he entered the gym where everyone was gathered.

When the word was heard, hundreds of students rose to their feet with thunderous applause. Proud faces grinned from one side of the full bleachers to the other.

C. D. Bounds, Stadium Fund treasurer, reported that \$5,500 had been raised between the time a radiothon began Friday afternoon and the fish-fry was over Saturday night.

The radiothon held at WSHB brought in \$2,200 to add to the \$3,400 raised on a like program the first week of the drive. The Saturday noon and night fish-fry netted something like \$1,500; the sale of a car donated by the Hoke Auto Co. raised \$1,128, and a lady's wig was sold to boost the day's net income another \$70.

Contributions toward stadium seats Saturday totaled \$500.

The 1963 station wagon went to James Graham of Raeford Rt. 1, and the wig to Miss Nancy Lipscomb.

"It has been a great community-wide effort," Frahm said, with full confidence that the remainder of the money needed would be forthcoming. The Stadium will cost approximately \$30,000.

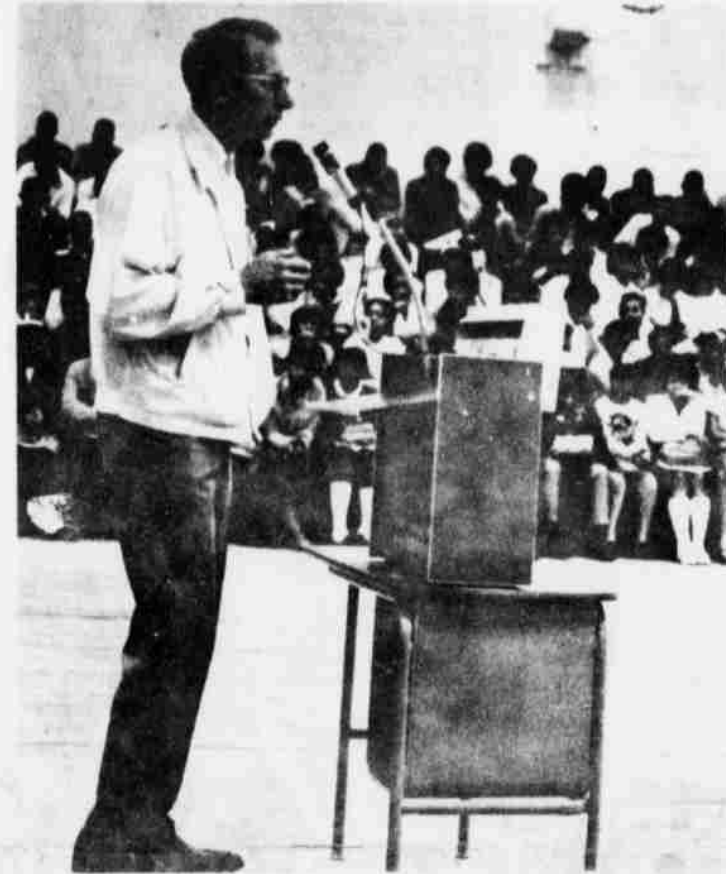
Ashwell Harward, who had stood at the fish-frying kettle for seven solid hours, said he had never seen a crowd of people work together with such harmony and determination. He highly commended the people from McCain who came over to help cook. "We couldn't have completed a successful day without them," he declared.

More than 2,000 persons were served at \$1 a plate. To get the weekend job done, women, men and student volunteers numbered upwards of 100.

The drive for stadium funds began exactly one month ago today after a nest egg of nearly \$300 had been put in by high school students - and after lights had been placed on the field with the help of an anonymous donor and without use of any school tax funds.

Cost of the stadium has been estimated at \$30,000. Seating capacity will be 2,000. The \$20,000 plus, now in the bank, was accumulated through cash contributions, through radiothons, through projects manipulated by students and through the fish-fry effort.

There are still pledges to be turned in and still more money to be raised before the project is complete. But Hoke County will no longer have one of the worst stadiums in the conference, instead boast one of the finest. The students will be proud, the teachers will be proud and the patrons will be proud.



IT'S IN THE BAG - A hushed student body waited in suspense last Monday to hear what Leonard Frahm had to say. A thunder of applause rang out when he, as Stadium Fund chairman, announced that a contract had been let for a Hoke High School stadium that day. The news came after an all out effort to raise additional funds during the weekend made the move possible.

Charged With Wife Slaying

gauge shotgun through the side window of the car, striking his wife behind the left ear. He stated that she did not move after being shot and the assumption was that she was killed instantly.

Adams testified that he then told

Four Charged With Assault

The Hoke County Sheriff's Department reported that Malcolm Patterson, a Negro man aged about forty, was assaulted by four Indian men around midnight on Friday as he was walking between Antioch and the South Hoke School.

According to Sheriff Dave Barrington, Patterson said that the four men stopped their car near him as he was walking home and forced him into a field beside the road. He charged that they then used a knife to make long gashes in his

McMillan to drop the shotgun and that he did so.

Judge J. E. Dupree ruled that probable cause was found in the charges against McMillan and bound him over to Hoke

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forehead, throat and cheek.

Patterson stated that one of the men then stabbed him in the back, that they took his money amounting to about \$8, and then left him in the field.

Four men have been arrested in the case and charged with assault with intent to kill. They are Bobby Gene Locklear, 18, David Goins, 18, Ralph Slate, 18, and Eugene Slate, 39, all of the Antioch-Ailendale communities.

Patterson was released from the hospital Saturday after undergoing emergency treatment for his wounds.

Welfare Director States

No One Starving In County

"The Welfare Office does not know of anyone in Hoke County who is starving to death," said Miss Mable McDonald, director of public welfare in Hoke County. "The article in a recent issue of The Fayetteville Observer gives a gross misrepresentation of our county."

Miss McDonald was referring to the statement in the Observer that "there are people in Hoke County who are slowly starving to death." The statement was quoted from William T. Altman, Coordinator, Community

Action Program. Altman claimed that he had been misquoted but he refused further comment.

The article was discussed at the Hoke County Commissioners meeting, April 8, where Miss McDonald and Altman were called upon to explain the publicity. Altman stated that he had told reporters that there were people in Hoke County suffering from malnutrition. Miss McDonald said she had been quoted correctly as saying that a nutritional hunger does exist, but the Welfare Agency

does not know of any starving people.

"There are 2,796 people in the Surplus Commodity Food program in Hoke," Miss McDonald stated. "And 674 people are on public assistance."

Under the public assistance program a person will get a monthly check to meet their basic needs and/or benefits from the medical programs under public assistance. These benefit checks fall into three categories: (1) aid to the aged, (2) aid to the disabled, (3) aid to families with dependent

children. Under the aid to the aged program an average check for February, 1969, was \$65.69 monthly, but according to Miss McDonald this is not all the benefits they received. These people are also eligible for social security benefits plus commodity food.

Most of the totally disabled have resources other than the monthly average assistance check of \$74.06 per person. Again they are eligible for the commodity food. In the third class, aid to families with dependent children, the head

of the household is usually the mother. In this category each person in the family averages \$23.38 per month. In these cases the husband is either dead, deserted or the children are illegitimate. There are over 375 persons in this category.

Each person under the public assistance program has to fill out an assistance budget. In this report the State Welfare Department has set up an amount required for basic items of existence. The requirements list \$35.50 monthly per person for food, clothing, medical chest

supplies, household supplies and personal expense. Up to \$60 monthly per person is allowed for shelter and utilities. For each child \$3.50 is allotted for school expense. If an adult has no home, up to \$80 is allowed for boarding and \$240 monthly for a skilled nursing home.

The monthly resources of each individual are subtracted from the monthly requirements and the deficit is the amount paid.

The Surplus Commodity

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