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## **Around Town**

#### BY SAM C. MORRIS

The Raeford Kiwanis Club went as a group to Sanford last Thursday night for a district meeting. They went by bus and took along the Hoke High Pep Band. The band provided music on the way to Sanford and it kept the Kiwanians in high spirits.

Gov. H. Douglas French of Gastonia Gov. H. Douglas French of Gastonia made the principal address. Also on the program were Li. Gov. Albert L. Cox of Sanford and Herb Hennig of Darlington. Herb who is 75 years young was celebrating his birthday. I believe he was district secretary and treasurer when my father joined the club here in 1924. He is known as "Mr. Kiwanian" to the mambers in North and South Carolina. known as "Mr. Kiwanian" to members in North and South Carolina

The Pep Band played during the affair and high praise was bestowed on them by each speaker of the evening. It just goes to show that all youngsters don't want to take over at this time.

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In January of 1961 Paul Dickson received a letter from a lady wanting to know if we needed a reporter on The News-Journal. The letter was from Elizabeth City and the writer said she and her husband were moving to Parkton and she had experience as a correspondent and would like to go to work.

Paul had been contemplating hiring an editor and making a change in the business to he wrote her, he would like for her to come by and talk with him. In the next few days in came Mrs. Glenn W. Peebles. She was hired and worked for a few months until Peter B. Young took over as editor. Peter B. wanted to do everything his way and do it himself. So

Lucy Gray went back to Parkton. Hoke County's Golden Jubilee was also in 1961 so when we decided to put out a special edition, it was more than Peter B. could handle by himself. Paul asked me to go down to Parkton and talk to Lucy. My wife and I went down one Sunday and after some horse trading Lucy Gray came in and proceeded to write the history of each business that appeared in that edition. It was a job well done

Several months afterwards Peter B. found that the grass was greener in Rockingham and Lucy returned. She has continued either full or part-time in some capacity for Dickson Press ever since.

She worked in Lumberton and Parkton on papers we published there. She was always ready to go anywhere and do a job for us. I don't believe she ever met anyone she couldn't talk with and make friends.

After her husband died she stayed on in Parkton but continued to work here. She is known by both young and old in Hoke County and by members of all races. She moved here several months ago

and took her place in the community like she has done in making friends while working for The News-Journal. She is known to most people in the county as "Lucy Gray."

A month ago she told Paul and I that she was retiring and would leave for Raleigh where her daughter lives around the first of May. Lucy has purchased a home in Raleigh and will be near her daughter and grandson. This is Lucy's last



## Paul Currie Will Attend West Point

Paul Currie, a former Hoke High School student and now a freshman at N.C. State University, has received notification of his selection for admission

notification of his selection for admission to the U.S. Military Academy. Currie is the son of Col. (USAF Ret.) and Mrs. David S. Currie Jr. He was nominated for the appointment by Congressman Alton Lennon. At N.C. State, he is studying engineering (Aerospace), is an ROTC student and is a member of the Varsity Men's Glee Club.

Men's Glee Club.

At Hoke High School, he was student council representative; Junior Class president, High School staff treasurer; key Club treasurer, member of the Beta Club, Monogram Club, High School Choral Group and Ensemble, was Glee Club. Club president, a member of the football squad where he received a number of honors and participated in track. He was a Junior Class marshal.

He also received a Time Magazine

Current Events Award. At the Presbyterian Church, he has ved as treasurer of Presbyterian Youth Sub-Committee and president of the Senior High Fellowship. He was a member of the church choir.

For his scholastic and leadership chievements, he was presented the Lions

Club Citizenship Award. Paul will leave for West Point on July

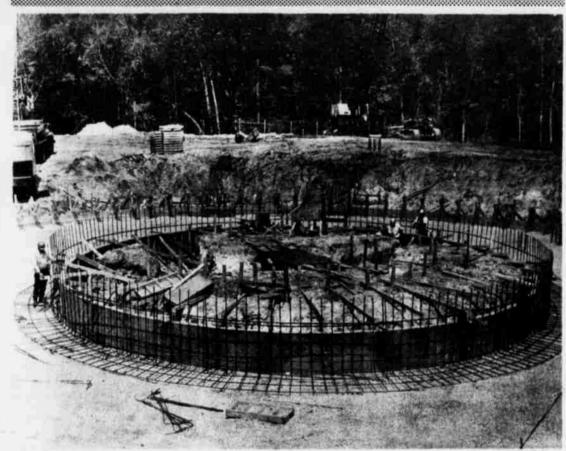
## Burlington Sales Up **For Quarter**

Burlington Industries Inc. reported Tuesday, April 22, its consolidated net sales and earnings were up for the first quarter of 1969.

The board of directors, meeting in New York, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share, payable June 1 to shareholders of record May 2.

## Peterkin Gets 8-10 Years; Watson Murder Case Starts

In Superior Court



LARGE ENOUGH FOR A SWIMMING HOLE! - When this sewage digester is completed it will have a diameter of 104°. Although the digester will make the sewage 87 per cent pure the management does not feel the swimming hole idea will go over with a large splash!

## **Scurlock Participating** In Pilot Lunch Program

Every Scurlock School child will get free lunches from now until May 30. The school has been selected for

Another

Bomb

Scare

participation in a special pilot school program, according to Principal F.W. Caldwell. It is one of 49 other schools across the state making the test.

Purpose of the program is to determine how hunger affects the child's achievement, to help determine the effect of good nutrition on learning, to improve alertness, attendance and attitude through improved health due to better nourishment. It is also to show possible correlation between participation and total lack of discrimination when all pupils eat free food. For this reason, all children will participate in the program,

## Sewage Work Under Way

Plagued for many months by money problems the new additions to the Raeford sewage plant are now well under way. The finished plant will be more than twice the size of the present plant. A grit separator will be a brand new with in the plant it will remove the srit

unit in the plant. It will remove the grit before the sewage enters any of the system's pumps. The plant will also gain a second floater which removes grease before the sewage runs through the other installations.

Two more digesters are being added to the two already in use. This unit separates the solids from the liquids and purifies the liquid to approximately 87 per cent. The liquid is then pumped into a nearby William Peterkin was sentenced to not less than eight years and not more than ten years imprisonment to the State Department of Corrections at Superior Court Tuesday. Peterkin was charged with felonious breaking and entering and larceny in connection with four robberies that have occurred in the Raeford area within the last few months.

A sentence of not less than three years and not more than five years imprisonment to the State Department of Correction was given to Preze Woods. Wood's offenses were consolidated into one case and the Court requested that he be considered for work release. George Walker, who had filed an

appeal judgment against a sentence passed on him for larceny, was brought into court for not serving a Statement of Case on Appeal of Solicitor. The Court ruled that he will serve his sentence, delivered May 15, 1968, of not less than 4 or more than eight years imprisonment. Other action in Superior Court brought

a forfeiture of \$300 cash bond in the Ronald William Cochran, Sr. case. Delton Lowery was given a judgment absolute against a bond of \$300.

Late Tuesday the Court was choosing a jury for the James Willie Watson murder case. Fifty more names had to be picked due to a shortage of available jurors on the first jury list.

### Mystery Surrounds **Yates Departure**

M. D. Yates, Racford businessman and former Hoke County official, left the community last week for a destination and for reasons apparently known only to himself

Quit claim deed to his property in favor of his wife and her heirs dated Thursday, April 24, has been recorded with the Hoke County Register of Deeds. Yates, a native of Richmond County, had been a Hoke resident for many years. He had been manager of Dundarrach Trading Company and of The Johnson Company, office manager at the local plant of Robbins Mills before it became part of Burlington Industries, clerk of Hoke County Superior Court, and most recently owner and operator of Raeford Hardware Company. He resigned as clerk of court before the end of his term and for a time operated a retail business in Charlotte before returning to Raeford to enter the hardware business. He was a ruling elder and clerk of the session at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

No one appears to know where he has gone or why.

#### **55 New Voters**

week in Raeford. I know that she will be missed by the readers of this newspaper and I know that she will be missed by me.

Lucy is the kind of worker everyone likes to have in an organization. She would undertake any job, large or small, and give it all she had. She always made friends for the organization and this meant money in the pocket. We will miss you, Lucy, but we know that Hoke County's loss is Raleigh's gain. Best of luck in anything you undertake and be sure to come back at any time to Hoke County. The door is always open to you, Lucy Gray.

March 29 totaled \$445,755,000 compared with \$400,089,000 for the

same period last year. Net earnings were \$19,770,000 or 76 cents per share, compared with \$18,746,000 or 75 cents per share for the same period last year.

For the six-month period that ended March 29, net sales totaled \$883,933,000 and net earnings amounted to \$40,555,000 compared with sales of \$791,859,000 and earnings of \$38,778,000 for the same period a year ago

For the second time the Upchurch School was searched for possible bomb. According to Sheriff David Barrington a call was received about 8:15 a. m. on Monday warning the police that there had been a bomb planted in the school.

The rescue squad, Raeford police and the Sheriff searched the evacuated school but found nothing. Sheriff Barrington warned that such callers will be prosecuted if found.

rather than choose only those who are undernourished or underfed.

The federal government reinbursement will be set at 34 cents per lunch.

Fifty schools were chosen at random, Caldwell explained, as were sixteen schools which were selected to react to forum at the conclusion of the lunchroom program.

A requirement is that every meal served be nutritionally balanced. "Of course this has been a lunchroom requirement all along," the principal said.

creek. Another entirely new unit is the sludge holding tank that will draw solids out of the digesters and put the solid material into drying beds. After the solids have dried it can be used as fertilizer. There will be eight new drying beds.

The pipes in the sewage system will be 24 inches instead of the present 18 inches. About 20,000 feet of pipe will be

laid. The re-vamped sewage plant, contracted by the Republic Contract Team Cooporation, Columbia, S.C., is scheduled for completion by February or March 1970

#### **Register For Town**

#### **Election May 6**

Fifty-five new voter registrations had been registered by Mrs. Kate Blue Covington, registrar for Town of Raeford elections, when books were closed last Friday. Election day is Tuesday with polls opening at 6:30 a.m. and closing at 6:30 p. m.

The more than half a hundred new See ELECTION , Page 11

### **Report Of Governor's Study Commission**

## **Recommendations Presented At Lumberton**

As the Governor's Study Commission on Education sees it, North Carolina needs to spend an additional \$300,000,000 on its public school system to bring them nearer to the national average level.

Appointed two years ago by Gov. Dan Moore, the commission has come up with a long list of recommendations. These were presented at a District 4 (involving 11 counties) meeting Wednesday night of a Task Force for Education group at a Lumberton restaurant by Jerome Melton, assistant superintendent of public instruction. The group included principals, superintendents, school board mbers, the news media and other laymen.

The commission, Melton explained, recommends: That the State Board of

Education be firmly established as the policy formation agency for public education

That a North Carolina Education Development

Council (a citizen's group) be created with subsidiary branches in each of the eight

That the Superintendent of Public Instruction be appointed by, and made answerable to, the State Board of Education.

educational districts and each local school administrative unit

That services of the state be brought closer to local schools through eight regional service centers. stemming from State Department of Public Instruction

That, to provide economic and effective schools, the state adopt the county as the basic school administrative unit and that a merger of city and county units be effected.

That the financial support of ablic education in North public education in North Carolina be financed by local, state and federal effort.

That the General Assembly enact legislation providing for

an extension of public education to five - year - olds on the same basis that the educational programs are established for other age levels.

That these be established for children, ages five through eight, a program of continuous learning that is based upon their individual needs, interests and stages of development.

That much greater emphasis be placed on occupational education, including specific training in vocational subjects at the junior and senior high school levels.

That provisions be made to meet pupils' instructional needs which are exceptional because of special handicaps or

special abilities and talents. That the concept of team teaching be encouraged in North Carolina schools at all levels.

That school instructional staff be differentiated. Every school has teachers, it was pointed out, who are more competent than the others, work hard at doing a better job, and assume more responsibility. Putting these teachers in special roles, it was further explained, as leaders or supervisors is an excellent way of upgrading the entire school staff, as well as giving extra recognition and pay to those teachers with greater responsibility.

That the state establish a

salary range for teachers based on the national average; that the salary for teachers cover 10 months' employment; that the state provide 12 months employment for supervisory and administrative personnel; and that a salary schedule be established. index

That North Carolina's certification levels be revised to provide an Early Childhood Certificate for grades Kindergarten through grade 3; Intermediate Certificate for grades 4 through 9, and a Secondary Certificate for grades 9 through 12. That North Carolina inititate

pilot projects using high school students as teacher aides.

That an in - depth study of

the various plans for extending the school year be initiated.

That the school bus transportation system include urban children, children with special needs, and flexible service to accommodate programs.

The program for public kindergarten education would cost an estimated \$18,000,000; to expand vocational education \$10,000; services for health and handicapped \$9,000,000; Teacher Aides \$20,000,000; Salary Increases \$197,000,000; Professional Help for Teachers \$7,000,000; Local Plant Operations, Transportation and Food Services, \$18,000,000; other items \$21,000,000. The total is \$300,000,000.