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Around Town

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A Reminder: Don't forget to register Monday, June 16 for the summer reading program at the Hoke County Library. Mrs. Lee Cameron, librarian, says that all children in grades 1 - 5 are eligible. The program will continue through August 14.

Every Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock special films or stories will be on the program. The Raeford Woman's Club is co-sponsor of this worthwhile program.

The comment in this column last week about a typing class this summer brought forth many phone calls. Mrs. R. B. McRacken, who will be in charge of the class, asked that anyone interested and who didn't get in touch with her or Diane Upchurch, to be at the Hoke High School Monday night, June 16. The cost for the course will be \$30.

The Wagon Train trip was completed over the weekend and as always the hot weather came along for the trip. There didn't seem to be as many wagons or horses at the site Thursday night, but the number of people that turned out for the dance and drawing were about as usual. Younger Sneed, Jr. was the winner of the pony and cart. He has a place to keep the pony and can make use of pony and cart. One man said last Thursday that he didn't buy a ticket because he was scared he would win.

Last Thursday night before the meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club someone mentioned the Wagon Train. Of course during the conversation it was mentioned about my father being in the horse and mule business. I explained to the newcomers in the crowd that feeding horses and mules and camping out is behind me. The other night the conversation also brought forth the subject of cows and milking.

John Campbell, a farm boy of the 30s, can relate many tales about cows and milking but when Ed Murray, the textile chief, started telling about his days with cows and how two of them would milk the same cow, the crowd seemed to grow. Dr. Julius Jordan is also an expert milker.

Now these milkers are not the modern milkers that attach a milking machine to the cow, but the boys that either squatted or sat on a small box and pulled and squeezed or vice versa until the job was complete. You were called an expert when you could hold the bucket between your knees and milk with two hands. The reason the bucket was held was to keep the cow from kicking it over.

Ed Murray hadn't ever heard about putting a cow in a break for milking but he understood the reason you would need one. Some cows would kick and especially if they weren't familiar with the person milking them. So you would put them in an enclosure and place a plank or rod in front of their hind legs which would solve the kicking problem.

I don't want anyone to get the idea that I am an expert on the milking of cows but I do know that milking, feeding

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Low Income Home Building To Start

A low income home building program will soon be started under the administration of Forward, Inc. A check for \$19,510 was presented to Ralph Barnhart, President of Forward, Inc., by Charlie Shackelford, Director of Advancement, Inc. for the project.

Forward, Inc. is a local nonprofit corporation organized for improvement of economic conditions in Hoke County. The check will finance development of low income home building lots in the Queenmore section. The 10 acre section of the Buie estate will be provided with water lines and a paved inner street.

Advancement, Inc. which is supplying the funds, is a four-county program aimed at reducing out-migration from this area. It is administered locally by a 16 member board of directors representative

of business, local government and civic elements from Bladen, Columbus, Hoke and Robeson Counties. Board members from Hoke County are R.W. Barnhart, W.T. Altman, Ivery McNair and Lewis Oxendine.

Funds for the program were provided by the Office of Economic Opportunity to the U.S. Department of Agriculture which delegated the responsibility to Farmers Home Administration.

The program here is one of only two such pilot programs in rural areas in the United States.

Three Local Businesses Change Hands

Three Raeford businesses have changed hands this week. T.E. Stanton has purchased the Raeford Hardware Co. and George Caddell has bought the James Wood Grocery on South Stewart Street. The former owner of the Wood's Grocery has bought Western Auto of Raeford which was formerly owned by Homer McGuinn.

Fire Sunday

The Raeford fire department was called out Sunday night to extinguish an electric motor on fire at the Upchurch Milling Company. A small amount of water damage was reported.

Loans Available For Low-Income Rural Families

Improved incomes and higher standards of living are now being enjoyed by more than 60,000 low-income rural families as the result of economic opportunity loans advanced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This report comes from Jake D. Vinson, Hoke County Supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, which makes available economic opportunity loans to enable rural families to purchase equipment and supplies needed to earn a better living in farming or in small business enterprises.

To qualify for a loan an applicant must:

1. Have limited resources and be receiving an income from all sources that is too low to cover basic family needs.
2. Be unable to obtain the necessary credit from other sources, including regular loan programs of the Farmers Home Administration, at reasonable rates and terms.
3. If the credit is for a nonfarm

enterprise, furnish evidence that the service or product is not being adequately supplied by others in the community.

4. Have reasonable prospects to earn more income.

The total outstanding amount of these loans to any one family may not exceed \$3,500. The actual amount loaned will be limited to the family's needs and reasonable ability to repay.

"In Hoke County, 26 families have participated in the program, with loans totaling \$32,190," Vinson said. "A variety of small businesses have been founded or expanded with the loan funds, and other borrowers have purchased tools and supplies to make their small farms more productive and profitable," he added.

Applications for economic opportunity loans may be made by contacting County Supervisor Vinson at the local Farmers Home Administration office, in the Federal Building, Raeford.

Town Commissioners Meet

\$1.30 Tax Rate Set; Increase Of 13 Cents

The town board voted Monday to increase the tax rate to \$1.30 which will increase the rate by 13 cents on every \$100. The last tax raise for the town was in 1962, according to John Gaddy, town manager.

"The board felt that in order to make

the needed improvements and to maintain a high standard of service to the town's people the tax rate would have to be raised," Gaddy said.

The proposed budget will be voted on as soon as the tax adjustments are completed. The tax increase will add

about \$15,000 to the town budget. The over all tentative budget is \$438,012.71 which is approximately \$60,600 over last year's budget.

In other action the board voted to increase the rates for water and sewer connections. Inside the town limits three-quarter inch water connections going to houses will be raised from \$60 to \$100. One inch water connections will be raised from \$112.50 to \$150. Outside the town limits the three-quarter inch pipe connection will be \$250 instead of \$225. Sewer connections will be increased from \$50 to \$75 for four inch connections and from \$75 to \$100 for six inch connections.

According to Gaddy the present fees for installing water and sewer connections were not even covering the cost of the materials used.

Palmer Wilcox was appointed by the board to the office of town attorney. He will replace Phil Diehl who, due to his heavy work load, was not re-appointed to the two-year office.

The board also re-hired John Gaddy as town manager.

Tobacco Hardest Hit

Hail Storms Cause Hoke Heavy Damage

Hail stones have taken their toll throughout Hoke County the past week and a half. Over 250 acres of tobacco have been severely damaged by two storms that have hit the county. The damage will run into thousands of dollars. Some of this is covered by insurance.

On June 2 a hail storm damaged over 200 acres of tobacco in the Ashley Heights section of the county. Most of the tobacco in that section was fairly young and might have a little better chance of recovering than the fields hit early this week.

According to Wendell Young, County Farm Agent, the following is a list of owners whose crops were most severely damaged in that storm: D.R. Huff, J.W. King, Ed Pickler, Hardin Krouch, D.P. Troutman, James Nixon, E.P. Smith, R.R. Lucas and John Smith.

Over 50 acres of tobacco was badly damaged on Sunday afternoon, June 8, in the Shannon area of Hoke.

"I've never seen so much hail in my life," was the comment made about the Sunday storm by Harold Boyles, a farmer in the Shannon area. "It must have hailed for 30 minutes. The ground was white with hail stones."

Boyles also suffered some lightning damage.

Other farmers hit in that storm were Cline Boyles, Gardner Bostic, Max Simpson, Tom Holland and Woodrow Hayes.

The tobacco was the most severely hit in all of the hail areas according to Young. The cotton, corn and soybean crops on the average were still young enough to pull through the storm.

"Usually this area will have around two hail storms a season," said Young. "But these have been awfully close. I hope we don't have any more."

Young also said that there was some humidity damage being done to small grain crops. The humidity has caused some of the grain heads to be soft.

Within the first three days of the week over six inches of rain has fallen in the county, according to Young. The water standing in the fields is causing some crops to suffocate at the root systems.

Young said that on Monday night alone Raeford received between 3 to 3½ inches of rain.

ESEA Summer School Program Starts Monday

The Hoke School System will again hold a summer school program for all grades beginning June 16. The program will run for six weeks with classes starting at 8:30 a. m. and ending at 1 p. m. for elementary children and from 7 a. m. until 12 p. m. for high school students.

The program will include English,

Language Arts and recreational activities.

Each child must attend the school within the assigned district. Transportation will not be furnished.

Grades 1 through 5 will be held in Raeford Elementary, Scurlock, South Hoke and West Hoke. The Upchurch School will handle grades 6 through 8. High school students will attend Hoke High.

Principal for the program will be Earl See SUMMER SCHOOL, Page 11

Awards Given At Upchurch

At the Upchurch 8th grade graduation the following awards were presented: American Legion Awards, Chuck Davis and Joy Lent; Woodmen of the World Award for American History, Linda Teal and Eddy Dupree; Kiwanis Scholarship Award, Kim Jordan; Schools Best All-Around Award, Linda Harrell.

Senior Pictures Ready

Pictures taken by News-Journal photographers of Hoke High seniors receiving their diplomas from Principal Raz Autry at commencement last week have been processed and may be seen at The News-Journal office. Acceptable pictures were obtained of about 200 of the 220 graduates.



\$19,510 CHECK PRESENTED - Ralph Barnhart (center), President of Forward, Inc., is presented a check for \$19,510 by Charlie Shackelford, Director of Advancement, Inc. The check will help finance development of low income home building lots. Others present at the presentation were: (left) Ivery McNair, member of the board of directors of Forward, Inc.; Hugh Clark, County Supervisor with Farmers Home Administration, Witterville; Ralph Barnhart, Charlie Shackelford and Lewis Oxendine, member of board of directors of Forward, Inc.



HAIL DAMAGE - Harold Boyles and son look over the damage that was done by the hail storm that hit Boyles tobacco crop on Sunday. Boyles said that he had estimated the damage to be around 90 per cent.