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Around Town

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Last Thursday I went with Paul Dickson to Raleigh to meet with Dr. Raymond Stone and H. Clifton Blue and all of us were going before a committee for Sandhills College. The joint appropriations committee of the House and Senate was to meet that afternoon, but due to the tobacco fight on the floor of the House the meeting was postponed. We did get to talk with Senators John Henley and 'Hec' McGeachy from our district. As always they were most cordial and helpful.

We talked a few minutes with Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and kidded him about his tie-breaking votes and his running for governor in 1972. Pat wouldn't make any commitment about the governor's race but he did say the tie votes could be left off.

The fight over the tobacco tax in the House gave everyone present the true picture of law makers in action - speeches pro and con on the subject, the administration's men doing contact work for the bill and its lobbyists against the bill making contacts. Sitting on the back row, smiling, and enjoying the fight were the Republicans. Their 26 votes controlled the issue for the day.

Another fight will come up this week. Who will win is anyone's guess at this time.

Saturday Raz Autry and Judge Joe Dupree accompanied me to Wilmington to be present at the airport and hear Governor Bob Scott present his case to the people. Around 400 were present from southeastern North Carolina. Rep. Gus Speros, from our district, was in the limelight, and with Sen. John Burney of Wilmington, was putting the show on the road, so to speak. We came to the conclusion that the governor is ready for a fight and will not give in. Time will tell!

The Senior pictures are ready and many seniors or their parents have come by and purchased them. Some were missed, but approximately 200 turned out presentable. So if you want your picture in cap and gown and of course, with Mr. Autry, come by the office and get it.

Mrs. Donnie Smith, Jr. and Mrs. Joel L. Lewis were in the office Monday and brought pictures of their husbands, each holding a large bass. The pictures are in color and we cannot reproduce them in the paper. The fish caught by Lewis weighed 8 lbs 14 oz. and the one caught by Smith weighed 8 lbs. As expected the ladies didn't know the name of the local pond where they were caught. Since the rain of the past few days the pond could be in any field or yard in Hoke County.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Langdon came by the office late Monday afternoon to subscribe to The News-Journal. When he gave the address, it being the old address of Lib Floyd, I knew from talking with Raz Autry who he was. The Langdons live with their three sons on Niven St. He will teach and be line coach for the football team at Hoke High. We welcome this couple and their family to Hoke County and hope their stay will be long and prosperous.

Douglas Kelly, assistant pastor at the Raeford Presbyterian Church, returned last week from Edinburgh, Scotland where he has been for nine months studying. We welcome Doug back and invite him to come by and roll his Rs' for us.

August Football Camp For Hoke High Team

Football camp for the Hoke High School Bucks will be held again this year in Western North Carolina in August. The decision was made at the June meeting of the Hoke Booster Club Monday night at the W. T. Gibson cafeteria. The club voted to provide as much as \$900 to finance the camp. The project will be under the direction of Head Coach John Pecora and he will be assisted by his coaching staff. Complete plans for the camp will be announced at a later date. The meeting was presided over by president, Charlie Hottel. C. D. Bourds, secretary and treasurer, gave the financial report. His report showed that all bills were either paid or the club was in a position to do so. Approximately \$125 is on hand to start the new year. Membership dues for the club were set at \$5.00. The club again will give a cap with each membership. This year the cap will be white with red lettering. The membership committee will be named in

Head Start Summer Program Begins June 18

This summer 169 pre-school children from low income families in Hoke County will receive a much needed helping hand through the Head Start program. For six weeks these children will learn how to play with other children, how to eat with a fork and spoon, how to tell colors, how to identify shapes and how to write their names. Just little things - but they are so important to a frightened first grader as he enters the crowded classroom for the first time.

The program which started June 18 is being directed by Jim Bowles. Mrs. Iris Abernethy is the acting social worker and medical coordinator.

"The children receive a free pre-school physical and immunizations," said Mrs. Abernethy. "In July a dental team, composed of four student doctors and one medical supervisor, will also provide free treatment for the children."

Each child receives \$24 for medical care. If a medical examination reveals a serious illness there is a follow up medical program that will cover additional expenses.

"One of the main objectives of Head Start is to provide medical care for these children," said Mrs. Abernethy. "If a

child is not healthy he can not learn."

At least 90 per cent of the children in this program must be from families with below poverty incomes. In the Hoke program Mrs. Abernethy estimated that 95 per cent of the children were from poverty income families.

Throughout the year Mrs. Abernethy said that there were over 300 applications made for participation in the program. But only 169 were deemed qualified for Head Start. These eligible are chosen by a board composed of 50 per cent of its members from low income families.

The Head Start program is being held at the J. W. McLaughlin School week days from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and will run through July 31. All children receive a free snack and lunch. Bus service is provided for the participants.

The program employees eleven primary teachers and eleven aids. The aids are parents of the children participating in Head Start.

Volunteer workers are needed to help with the planned activities according to Mrs. Abernethy. She also said that parents of the children are encouraged to visit.

Westall New West Hoke Principal

The Hoke County Board of Education elected Woodrow H. Westall principal of the West Hoke Elementary School at a special meeting June 16. Westall will assume his duties before the opening of the fall school term.

Westall is a native of Black Mountain. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Education Degree from the

University of North Carolina. He has taught in the North Carolina schools of Columbia, Bailey, Cornelius, Huntersville and, since 1963, Hoke County. He has been an assistant to the principal at the W.T. Gibson School and Upchurch School.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve Hoke County children in the new capacity and I will do my best to see that every child has an equal opportunity to receive an education," Westall said after he had been notified of his appointment.

Westall will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of M.B. Hayes who was awarded a full scholarship to study toward a Doctorate at North Carolina State University.



THE REV. ZEB MOSS

Missionary To Speak Sun. At First Baptist

A missionary to Zambia East Africa will speak at the 11 a.m. morning worship, June 22, at the First Baptist Church, Raeford. The speaker, the Rev. Zeb Moss, was born in Hoke County and was graduated from Hoke High School.

He is also a graduate of Wake Forest and Southeastern Baptist Seminary. The Moss family is home on furlough but will soon be returning to Zambia where he serves as a field evangelist. Everyone is invited to the service.

the near future and a drive will get underway to double this year's membership over last year's.

The numbering of seats in the new stadium was discussed but it was decided to let the seats go to the spectators on a first come basis. It was decided, however, to think about the numbering of seats and selling season tickets for future years.

Raz Autry, school principal, introduced Glenn Langdon, the new line coach, to the members present. Langdon comes from Montgomery County and was a head football coach there. Also introduced was Billy Colston, another coach who will take over the wrestling program at the school.

A film showing outstanding moments in last year's season of the St. Louis Cardinals football team ended the meeting.

The club will meet again in July to further plans for the coming football season.

Tobacco-Cotton-Soybeans Suffer

Crop Losses High From Heavy Rains



A LAKE OR A FIELD? In many areas of the county it looked as if the one time fields were turning into summer swimming holes.

After Nearly 50 Years

Ernest Campbell Retires As Automobile Salesman

After fifty years of car selling Ernest Campbell is semi-retiring from the business. Since the 1920's Campbell has sold cars and for the last 33 years he has worked as a salesman for Hoke Auto Company, Raeford.

Campbell was born and raised in Raeford and took his first job as a car salesman with a Raeford Ford dealer. He moved from the county for a time but by 1936 he was back in Raeford working for the Hoke Auto Company.

When Campbell began his career in car sales the auto sold at an average of \$600 to \$700, now a standard model, six cylinder, four door sedan will sell for \$2,700.

In the 1940s, during World War II, Younger Snead, Sr., owner of Hoke Auto Company, was called into active duty. Campbell then took over not only as salesman but also as manager of the Company. During the war years the business turned into a used car operation. The government froze the new car business so Campbell became a used car salesman during these years.

During his 33 years of service to the Hoke Auto Company Younger Snead, Sr., estimated that Campbell sold 100 or more new and used cars each year. Over a 33 year period Campbell has sold more than 3,300 cars.

Campbell has another distinction that should be

added to the list. He is a member of the Legion of Leaders, the highest award that the Chevrolet Company can bestow on its salesmen. Campbell has received this award yearly for 28 years. At one time during his career he had the greatest number of years in the Legion of Leaders of any salesmen in the Charlotte area.

His wife, Myrtle, also retired this month from a long career as a nurse. Mrs. Campbell had worked for many years at Fort Bragg.

During his spare time Campbell has taken up the hobby of restoring cars. Over the years he has restored nine

antique cars the oldest being a 1908 Buick.

The old Buick took him more than two years to restore. Campbell sent all the way to Utah to have a new body made for the car. Soon after the restoration was completed a Buick dealer in Fayetteville offered to buy it and Campbell sold.

Of the nine cars he has brought back to life he now has one, a 1919 Essex, and according to him he'll be ready to sell that one sooner or later. The Essex was bought from an 80-year-old woman and was in almost unrepairable condition. But over a two year period Campbell was able to

get it in perfect running order. Campbell has had the Essex for six years and has driven it on many of the Horseless Carriage excursions he and his wife have participated in.

The Horseless Carriage Club is an organization set up especially for old time car enthusiasts. They sponsor a regional excursion in which the members drive their antique cars.

"I don't think I'll take the time to restore any more cars," Campbell said. "I've had my fun and satisfaction with my hobby. It's given me a good deal of pleasure over the years and now it gives me a good deal to reminisce about!"



INTEREST IN CARS RUNS FROM JOB TO HOBBY - Ernest Campbell finds cars a most interesting subject. For the past 50 years he has been selling cars, new and used. He also likes to restore antique cars for a hobby. This 1919 Essex is one of nine cars Campbell has restored to perfect running condition. This one will do 60 miles per hour but because some of the parts are not replaceable he usually keeps the speed down to 40.

Rain, which a few weeks ago was in much needed quantity, has over the past 15 days, become an unwelcome sight. Hoke County has been drenched with anywhere from seven to 15 inches of rain during the past two weeks.

Many Hoke County farmers took to the field Monday to drain off water left standing by Sunday's downpour, but the threat of crop scalding from bright sun remains.

According to Hoke County Farm Agent, Wendell Young, most of the damage in Hoke has been done to tobacco. He is still unsure of the total damage to the crops; not until the rain has finally stopped will an estimate of damage be possible.

The main areas of damage in the county are in Antioch and Stonewall townships. Young said that in these areas the rainfall had reached 10 to 15 inches. In the Raeford vicinity Young estimated the rainfall to be around eight to 10 inches.

About one-fourth of the tobacco acreage has been effected in some way according to Young. Hoke County has around 2,000 acres in tobacco and with one-fourth of that acreage damaged the dollar estimate will run into the thousands of dollars (an acre of tobacco should bring in about \$1,200 to \$1,400).

He expressed fear for tobacco in low-lying areas and said that scald might result to tobacco that is beginning to flup from excessive water if the heat is intense in the next few days.

The soybeans in the county have also been hit hard by the rain, according to Young.

"Soybeans are usually planted in left-over land," Young said, "usually in low areas. So the water has really hit this

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Bloodmobile Here Today

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Methodist Church today (Thursday) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clyde Upchurch, Jr. chairman announced this week.

He stated that the year ends June 30 and that 100 pints are needed to finish out the yearly quota. This will be the last call this year.

Hoke Rescue Squad Aids In Recovery

Hoke County's Rescue Squad aided ten other rescue squads from District 5 last Thursday in recovering the body of S. Sgt. Albert Boyd of 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, according to Jim Wade a local squad member.

Boyd went swimming at Little River near the Raider Training School and was observed by witnesses going under water. They said he did not come back up.

It rained throughout the rescue operation and according to members of the Hoke Rescue Squad they had to work in extremely treacherous water. The rescue boats had to be launched two miles down stream from the drowning site. During the course of the day one boat was overturned.

Two Hoke 4-H's Leave For Washington

Hoke County 4-H Club representatives to the Citizenship Short Course left Sunday morning to spend a week in Washington learning how to become better and more conscientious citizens.

Dale Jones from the Rockfish Senior 4-H Club and Debbie Anderson from the Sunset 4-H Club were chosen to attend the course on their outstanding work this year in 4-H. They will be part of the 80 North Carolina 4-H members who will participate in the national program. Due to the large number of participants the course is being held twice.

During their stay they will tour the capitol and visit their congressmen.

The trip for the two Hoke County representatives is being sponsored by Southern National Bank, the Bank of Raeford and the Chamber of Commerce.