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Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather is about the only thing left to write an article on this day and time. The rain, hail and lightning caused considerable damage throughout the county last weekend and according to reports we are still in for more of the same.

Tom Cope, ambassador at large for Red Springs and its baseball team, the Twins, and most of the time a supporter of Duke, was by the office last Friday afternoon. He was giving me the lowdown on how the Twins would leave the cellar of their division and move up the ladder. Tom said the Twins were on the move, and asked me to come down that night. I couldn't go to the game, but the score in the paper next day was Kinston 19 Twins 5. I guess Tom chewed up a box of cigars that night.

Cope did say that the Twins would get in some additional talent that would help the team. They have a good ball club and according to Tom, many Raeford fans have turned out to see them in action. I told him I would be over, and will in the near future.

E.T. Brock of the Rockfish community came by the office Monday to renew his subscription and while here asked if anyone had brought in a cotton blossom. He had one and this was the first of the year. The blossom was turning pink on the edges so it must have been in the field on Sunday, June 22. Brock said that in two rows four or five blossoms were observed.

The first blossoms usually are brought in from the Allendale - Antioch Community but I guess most farmers don't have time or don't put the importance of reporting cotton blossoms like they used to a few years ago.

I took the blossom into the print shop and asked Robert McGregor, pressman, what it was, and he said a rose. Only half of the workers here knew what it was, so maybe cotton is on the way out, but I would guess mechanical farming is the answer.

Sometimes after a hard day you start thinking about the events of the past 12 hours. Monday was one of those days. Early Monday C.D. Bounds came by and talked with me for a while. He didn't have anything important on his mind. He just made conversation. Later, in walked Lonnie Bledsoe with an article. He had a seat and we discussed the weather, golf and school, but nothing important. As he was leaving in walked Ashwell Harward and he gave me an article concerning the vacation plans and the mill. I told him that to complete the Baptist circle, would be for the Rev. Jack Mansfield to come by and see me. In less than an hour in walked the preacher. I didn't go to the Baptist Church Sunday, but I did turn up at the Presbyterian Church. But when three Baptist laymen and their preacher all come by to discuss the events of the day, you do get a funny feeling, especially being a Scotch Presbyterian.

The old saying is where you find four Presbyterians you will find a fifth. I guarantee you that Monday the four Baptists left and instead of a fifth they left a Presbyterian.



Brenda Abrams New Assistant Home Agent

The Farm and Home Agent's office will gain a new employee July 1 when Brenda Lou Abrams begins her job as Assistant Home Agent. Miss Abrams' main duties will be working with the 4-H program. She will also work in the clothing program for adults.

A native of North Carolina Miss Abrams comes to Hoke County from Macclesfield. She was graduated from Pembroke State College in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics. While in college she was a member of BETA Club, 4-H Club and Future Homemakers of America. She was also active in student government.

Miss Mildred Pahl Educational Director At First Baptist

The First Baptist Church, Raeford, has hired Miss Mildred Pahl as the Church's educational director. Miss Pahl was formerly educational director for the Wrightsboro Baptist Church in Wilmington.

She is a graduate of Campbell College with a B. S. Degree and has a masters of Religious Education Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A reception for Miss Pahl will be held in the fellowship hall of the Church on Sunday night, July 6th.



A Social Worker And Her Cases

By Margaret Ann Lamster

"Many times it's depressing to see people in such condition but when you

can help someone to feed their family or pay their doctor bills or just clean their home my job can be very rewarding."

Her job - social worker for Hoke County Welfare Agency.

Her name - Anne Poole

To describe her job in general terms Anne is there to help people with problems: not just money problems but problems with families, with children, with employment opportunities and family planning. The hang-ups that a social worker must deal with cover a broad range of human ills, many of them not covered in any text book.

It takes an ability to feel and to motivate to do this job right. It also takes experience.

Anne has been a social worker for 16 years, 15 of those years were spent in Hoke County. She knows the community, its ills and desires; she's used to the people - they're used to her.

Anne's not a social worker to the people in her case load. No, she's much more than that. She's a friend they can talk to and confide in; she's someone that can understand their problems and someone who wants to help.

Some of those who come to her for help she has known for many years. It's

From Hail And Water Tobacco Crop Damages Estimated \$1,000,000



DESTROYED BY LIGHTNING - Hail was not the only thing that proved destructive in last Friday's storm. Lightning also showed itself to be an agent of disaster. Lightning struck and destroyed the cabin owned by Benny McLeod. Although the fire department was notified it was too late to save the building. The remains of the cabin are located at the Thomas Pond off old 401.

Tobacco damage in Hoke County is estimated to run in the million dollar bracket according to Wendell Young, County Agent. Although it is difficult to know the exact number of acres damaged until the tobacco is cured, Young felt that the acreage damage will be around 700 or 800 acres of the 2000 acres the county has in tobacco.

The crops in the area are still showing signs of water damage. Young felt that many of the fields have deteriorated from last week. Although many of the farmers have added fertilizer to their tobacco the leaves are still turning yellow.

The main root of the tobacco plant in many cases is dead Young said. There are feeler roots on the plants but this will not support the plant in dry weather. Feeler roots are located closer to the surface and do not have the access to water that the longer main root has. Young also felt the tobacco would be light in weight.

Tobacco harvesting has begun in parts of the county. Young mentioned that Woodrow Hayes, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge and Harold Boyles, Shannon had started harvesting.

Small grain harvesting is now in full swing. Grain heads were not as severely damaged as had been estimated but there was some areas where the grain had fallen and was not picked up by the combines.

Hail fell last Friday in McLauchlin Township damaging between 50 and 75 acres of tobacco. Major damage was done to the farms of James Hendrix, Jr., James Wood, T. B. Upchurch farms, Dutch Clark, Dolph Sams and Ken McNeill.

Six Civil Cases In Court

In Civil District Court last week in Raeford the following cases came before the Court. Judge D. B. Herring presided.

In the civil case involving James Rodney Lee and Mary Lois Lee against Hubert M. Crumpler and Nellie B. Crumpler doing business at the Hitchin Post, the case was dismissed by action of the Judge.

The following divorces were granted: John Carl Gallimore from Irene Hazel Gallimore, Blanche Lee Blackshear from Charlie Louis Blackshear, Clifton H. McMillian from Bessie Dockery McMillian, William Edward Thomas from Barbara Fay Thomas, Charles Ralph Maroney from Elizabeth Gay Maroney.

From July 26 Through August 3

Burlington Employees To Receive Summer Bonuses And Vacations

Vacation bonuses totaling more than \$4.5 million are being paid to Burlington Industries' wage employees during the summer vacation season.

Charles A. McLendon, Burlington vice president for personnel, said vacation pay is given to the Company's employees in July and August to coincide with manufacturing plant vacations. The summer payments are in addition to over

\$3.5 million in bonuses paid last December.

The local Burlington Plants will close for vacation from July 28, 1969 through August 3, 1969.

About 52,000 Burlington employees at plants in 15 states are to receive the payments, Mr. McLendon said. Individual amounts are based on each employee's

length of service.

The bonuses are paid in addition to the benefits that are provided by Burlington's profit sharing retirement plan for hourly paid employees. In 1968, members of the Burlington profit sharing plan had approximately \$8 million credited to their accounts; the amount was equivalent to about 4% percent of the member employee's wages.

Kiwanis Club Softball Tourney To Begin July 31

Lonnie W. Bledsoe, Commissioner of Softball for the North Carolina Southeastern District No. 5, announced

today that the District Tournament had been awarded to Raeford again this year.

This is the seventh consecutive year the

tournament has been played in Raeford, and is regarded by the State Association of Slow Pitch Softball as one of the best tournaments in the state.

Tentative Budget Adopted By Board

A tentative budget was adopted by the Raeford town board last week. The tentative budget will include a 13 cent tax raise and will total \$468,756.06. This figure will exceed last year's budget by \$91,335.06.

Anticipated expenditures involve \$243,434.42 in general funds and \$225,321.64 in water and sewer funds. The budget provides for some salary raises.

Following is a breakdown of the tentative budget estimates:

Revenue - General fund, \$243,434.42; water and sewer, \$225,321.64; total \$468,756.06.

Expenditures - General administration, \$67,418.50; police department, \$38,977.09; fire department, \$15,908.92; public works (streets, sanitation, cemetery), \$118,654.91; library, \$2,475.00; total general fund, \$243,434.42. Which is an increase of \$66,963.42 over last year's budget.

Water-sewer (includes debt service funds), \$225,321.64. Which is an increase of \$24,371.64 over last year's budget.

The Raeford Kiwanis Club was instrumental in getting the tournament originally assigned to Raeford, and the club will again sponsor the tournament.

Approximately 16 teams will compete in the tournament beginning July 31st and ending August 8th. W. K. Morgan, Recreational Director for Raeford and Hoke County, will again serve as tournament director. He said many new ideas would be used this year to make the tournament even better than in the past. One of the ideas he has in mind is to erect a temporary fence in the outfield.

Mr. Bledsoe said that season tickets would be on sale by members of the Kiwanis Club, and he urges all citizens to be in attendance at the games. He added that the primary criteria used by the State Association for determining the success of a tournament was attendance.



MRS. ANNE POOLE