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## Around Town

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"Mrs. Murray, I dreamed last night in English," was what Philippe Bertheau told Mrs. Ed Murray the third morning after his arrival from France. Ed Murray told this at the weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club when he introduced Philippe, Mike Jordan and his son, Steve, to give the program last week.

The young men gave an interesting program on the account of what the other had meant to him during the past nine months. Philippe, an exchange student from France at Hoke High School, had spent the school year in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murray and Dr. and Mrs. Riley M. Jordan. From the outset, as Steve and then Mike, told of their experiences with the French student, you could feel and see the close friendship that had developed between the three young men.

Philippe was the last to speak and he also told of life in France today, besides his experiences during the past year. Mike and Steve will accompany him to France for a two weeks' stay in August.

This exchange program is doing something among the youth that could be a lesson for us grown-ups. Not only is there friendship between these three young men, but the entire student body has made friends with this young Frenchman. The program is being carried out in many schools, both high and higher, not only with France but many other nations. The friends our young people make in foreign countries will be the same as Philippe made in Hoke County. Maybe this is the answer to - How to have peace in our times!

Tom Cope, Red Springs ambassador, asked that we inform Hoke Countians that the Red Springs Twins baseball club gives free admission to boys' groups that are accompanied by their leaders. If you would like to attend, either get in touch with Cope or Matt Boykin, general manager of the club in Red Springs.

In an article published a few weeks ago in this paper, it was announced that beginning July 1, the name of the Welfare Department would be called Department of Social Services. Miss Mabel McDonald, county director, brought me the June issue of the magazine, Public Welfare News, which had the front cover in black with a white box in the center of the cover with the following message:

### Final Rites to be Conducted

This is the final issue of PUBLIC WELFARE NEWS to be published. The reason for this solemn occasion is the burial of the name Public Welfare in North Carolina on June 30, 1969. The Coroner's report listed the cause of death as legislative action. The death certificate was signed by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Let not thy heart be heavy laden, however, because there will be future issues of this Journal with a brand new title to report on the many services to people performed by the Department of Social Services ... our agency's new name.

Earl Oxendine, South Hoke principal, came by Monday with another clipping concerning Durant Cooper, former Hawkeye pitcher, who is now toting for the Columbus (Ga.) White Sox. Cooper, according to the article, had just won his third game in two weeks and his record stood at five wins and five losses. His team was just 5½ games out of first place in the Southern League.

Gary Johnson, White Sox skipper, said that Cooper's improvement came from, "at the start of the season he wouldn't throw his curve ball for strikes, but merely to try to set up his fast ball. But now he's throwing the curve ball more effectively."

Maybe Cooper's getting married had something to do with his improvement. Anyway we expect to be writing of him in the majors before long.

### Car Overtakes Sun.

Paul Purcell, Raeford, was charged with traveling too fast for existing conditions this weekend when he overtook his car on N.C. 20, according to Patrolman C.A. Bennett.

Purcell was traveling west on N.C. 20 when he lost control of his car due to the rain-slick highway. He ran off the left hand side of the road and overturned. He was not hurt.

## 23 Highway Deaths Over 4th Predicted

Too much independence on the highways over the long Independence Day weekend could bring death to at least 23 persons in more than a thousand traffic accidents on North Carolina's streets and highways, cautions the N. C. State Motor Club.

The official count of the holiday highway tolls runs from 6 p.m. Thursday, July 3, through midnight Sunday, July 6, a 78-hour period. The July Fourth casualty list for a 102-hour period last year came to 26 killed and 771 injured in 1,472 accidents. Eleven of the deaths were recorded on Thursday the Fourth.

"Since the Fourth falls on Friday this year to make it an extended weekend, there will be a tremendous upsurge in traffic, especially to and from vacation areas," said Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club and the National Automobile Association.

## Local Lions Club Install New Officers

New officers were installed at the June 26 meeting of the Lions Club. A buffet dinner was served for the members and guests at the Family Restaurant.

President, Levern Clifton presented membership pins to Ashwell Harward and Carroll Wilburn. Perfect attendance awards went to Ashwell Harward for 16 years; Shuford Pennell for nine years; Carroll Wilburn, Bill Tanner and Tommy Weldon for three years and Rick Rush, Stuart Meyers and Bud Alligood for one year.

New officers were installed by Ashwell Harward. They are: Talmadge Baker, president; Dale Ormsby; first vice president; Stuart Meyers, second vice president; Bob Hughes, secretary; Ray Mansfield, treasurer; Don Vinson, Lion tamer and Raz Autry, tail twister.

Tommy Weldon was presented the award of Lion of the Year. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Talmadge Baker, Mrs. Levern Clifton, Mrs. Homer Tuttle and Mrs. Sid Farress.

## Businesses And Offices Closed 4th

Friday, July 4, will find most businesses in Raeford closed including the Court House and Federal offices. Many local businesses will also close their doors Saturday.

For those who are planning to stay around Raeford for the holiday, celebrations are being held at Parkton and Aberdeen.

# Contract To Be Signed July 3 Uniroyal Plant Purchased By Tex-Elastic Corporation



UNIROYAL PLANT CHANGES HANDS - The Raeford Uniroyal plant has become the Tex-Elastic Division of Adams-Mills Corporation. The final contract signings were conducted today at the plant. New personnel will include (l to r) Wayne Lackey, president of the Tex-Elastic Division; Hugh Simmons, plant manager and W. J. Everette, superintendent of production.

The Textiles and Elastic Division (Tex-Elastic Corporation) of Adams-Mills Corporation, High Point, announced that for an undisclosed amount, they have reached an agreement in principle to purchase the covering facilities of the Raeford Fiber and Textile Division of Uniroyal.

Confirmation of the purchase is subject to the execution of a mutually satisfactory contract, according to Wayne Lackey, president of the subsidiary of the Adams-Mills Corporation.

Lackey said the Tex-Elastic Corporation would take over the plant on Monday. According to Lackey construction of an additional building will begin immediately. Further details on the specifications of the new building are not yet available.

The increased size of the facilities will double the building's capacity. Although the plant will double in size, employment will not necessarily double. Lackey feels that the new corporation will increase employment but it is not known how many new employees will be needed. New equipment will also be added.

The plant will continue to produce basically the same materials with an increase production in fabric used in the ladies support - hose line.

For the last six weeks details for the transaction have been charted.

The plant's new manager will be Hugh Simmons, a native of Hickory. W. J. Everette, Uniroyal employee, will be superintendent of production.

The plant was built in 1948 when American Wringer Company, Woonsocket, R. I., after negotiations with the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, decided to form the Para Thread Company and locate in Raeford. The building was constructed by the Hoke County Development Corporation, a corporation formed for the purpose of constructing a building to house such a plant. The Corporation was sponsored by the Hoke Chamber of Commerce and financed by local residents.

In 1955 the United States Rubber Company, now known as Uniroyal, took over the plant and eventually purchased the building from the Hoke County Development Corporation.

## Crop Conditions Better Agent Says

### Tornado Strikes Sunday

Although crops in the area have suffered extensive damage Wendell Young, Hoke County Farm Agent, feels there has been an overall change for the better this week in the crop situation.

Tobacco leaves are beginning to fill out after recovering from the last few weeks of rain. The majority of the farmers re-fertilized their crops, according to Young, and this has helped bring the leaf quality back.

With the hot weather and dry temperatures this week the cotton has improved greatly, according to Young. The weather has stimulated the root

growth and most of the cotton is fruiting well.

Young feels that corn yields for the county will be a lot better than they have been for a number of years. Soybeans are coming along fine, Young said, except in areas where water has stood.

Another new development in the weather, along with the rain and hail that has damaged farm acreage in the area, is a tornado. On Sunday a tornado struck along the Cumberland-Hoke County line, causing heavy damage to tobacco and destroying two tobacco barns in one area. Malcolm Gillis of Seventy - First

Township, in Cumberland County, who has land in both counties, said the wind destroyed one tobacco barn and another was destroyed by fire when it apparently was struck by lightning.

Gillis and David Lindsay of this county were among those whose tobacco was damaged by the wind.

## In District Court

# Simmons \$3,000 Bond Set For Six Charges Of Fraud

Preliminary hearing was waived Friday for Raymond Simmons, Raeford, on six counts of fraud and he was bound over to Superior Court. Bond was set by presiding Judge J.E. Dupree at \$3,000.

No probable cause was found against Gerald Carter who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in the injury of his brother two weeks ago.

Other cases included: Robert West, Raeford, larceny, 12 months in county jail, case appealed, bond set at \$1,500.

Sp4 Clare Edward Walden, Ft. Bragg, improper passing, improper registration, drivers

license violation, no liability insurance, did not appear.

Cleven Earle Locklear, Red Springs, damage to personal property, State takes nol pros with leave.

Cleven Earle Locklear, Red Springs, assault with a deadly weapon, two years suspended sentence for five years upon conditions that he can not violate any penal laws in State or federal government. Pay costs.

Roscoe Malloy, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, court orders defendants plea of guilty stricken from record and enters a plea of not guilty for the defendant and directs a verdict of not guilty.

Carson Curry, Aberdeen, stock law violation, nol pros with leave.

Leon McPhaul, Shannon, larceny, State takes nol pros with leave.

Johnny Lee Scott, Shannon, larceny, State takes nol pros with leave.

James L. Monroe, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, nol pros.

J.C. Cochran, High Point, driving under the influence, six months suspended for two years, not to operate a motor vehicle for 15 months. \$125 fine and costs.

Lonnie Junior Locklear, Red Springs, assault, State takes a nol pros with leave.

Billie Ray Collins, Lumber Bridge, assault, State takes a nol pros.

Ronald Jan Chason, Lumber Bridge, careless and reckless driving, not guilty.

William O'Brian Walker, Hope Mills, driving under the influence, not guilty, careless and reckless driving, 90 days suspended sentence upon payment of \$100 and costs.

Herbert Lowery, Jr., Shannon, excessive speed, \$10 and costs.

James Earl Monroe, Raeford, assault, prayer for judgment is continued for two years with court reserving the right to pass final judgment. See COURT, Page 11.



NEW LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT - Talmadge Baker (l) receives the gavel as the new Lions Club president last Thursday from Levern Clifton, outgoing president.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

