

Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

CORRECTION: The caption under the picture in last week's paper that was entitled "Tobacco Harvesting In Full Swing" stated that the barn was on the farm of Eli Shankle. This barn was on the farm of M. L. Jones in Stonewall Township. It is next to the farm of Shankle's and the photographer mistook the barn to be on the farm of Eli Shankle. Mr. Jones said he was sure it was his barn because his wife is in the picture. We are sorry that it happened, but mistakes are made and we must have our share of them.

Gene Smith, son of Mrs. Lucy Smith of the Bowmore section of Hoke County, wrote me a letter last week relating some good news that occurred in the Smith family recently. Congratulations on both counts, Gene.

The letter follows:
Sam:

You may be interested for your 'Around Town' column. We received a third place award for editorials last Saturday at the National Newspaper Association Convention in Atlantic City, N. J. Came in competition with national dailies, weeklies and semi-weeklies.

It was a double week because I also picked up my majority in the National Guard so it was a happy time in the Smith family. (Material offices in the 690th Maint. Bn. in Kinston)

Tell Dickson that this isn't too bad for an E.C.T.C. graduate who received his primer training at the Morris-Dickson School of Printing.

Give regards to Jesse.

Gene Smith

Smith worked at The News-Journal before going to Havelock to be editor of the Havelock Progress. He also enlisted in the National Guard here. In case newcomers don't understand the ECTC it stands for East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville. It is now a University and it surprised me that Smith could even remember when it was East Carolina College.

A. J. Hughes, division eight engineer for the State Highway Commission with offices in Aberdeen, was speaker at the weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club last Thursday. Mr. Hughes has been with the highway department for 40 years and after his talk everyone could see that highways are the principal thing in his life. He told of some of the roads he had worked on in the mountains of North Carolina and then went into the structure of the highway department as a whole.

He enlightened the Kiwanians on the time it takes to get a highway project underway. The engineer stated that planning was now in progress for the needs for highways in N. C. for the year 2000. Hughes concluded with the statement that if people have problems they should come to us. Don't sit on your front porch and complain. He said they might not please the public all the time, but the public was paying the salaries of the highway department and they were there to serve.

The weather has been hot and humid for the last couple of weeks and some people have commented about the saneness of some people who would play golf in this weather or go to baseball games, so I don't know if the following will get me in trouble or not.

Sunday a week ago when the sudden thunder - shower came up I was looking at television. It was raining extremely hard and the bolts of lightning were flashing and occasionally causing the lights to flicker and the TV and air conditioner to go off. After one tremendous clap of thunder I could hear the sound of water running like a faucet was open in the house. My wife was on the other side of the house and she heard it and started investigating from that side as I started from the other. All faucets were checked along with the hot water heater and the washing machine. We found everything in perfect order, but the sound was still there. As you know a strange sound will soon begin wearing on your nerves so I got my raincoat and hat and went outside in the rain and lightning to check the faucets on the side of the house. The faucet on the back side of the house was wide open, of course a turn of the handle and the sound stopped.

No one was around the house to turn on the faucet and it was raining too hard for anyone to play a joke, so if the elements from the storm didn't do it, then I guess it would pay me to stay off the golf course in 100 degree weather.

Homewood Returns To J.P. Stevens Co.

Sam Homewood, after a good many years with Burlington Industries in a variety of management and executive positions here and elsewhere, said this week that he was going back to work for the J.P. Stevens Company, for whom he had worked before working for Burlington. He said he will be traveling among the company's plants from Greer, S.C. for a couple of months, more or less, and that his family would continue to live here during this period.

Sam and his wife, Betsy Tom, have certainly been fine citizens during the periods they have lived in Raeford. They have been active in civic and church work of all sorts. She is president of the Raeford Woman's Club now and he is vice president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

Scurlock School Participated

Researchers Evaluate Free Lunch Program

An experimental free lunch program, launched last spring by Governor Scott in 52 schools across the State, has indicated that success in school and nutrition are related.

Scurlock Elementary School in Hoke was one of the schools participating in the program. Over 400 students at Scurlock ate free lunches during the month of May.

Researchers who conducted the evaluation of the month-long project believed the most significant finding was a measurable change in attitudes among students who had not previously been able to eat a balanced lunch at their schools. Improvements in attitudes about the school program in general and about principals, teachers, and classmates were noted.

"While the improvement in attitudes was small, it was significant in that had the program run for a year, there is reason to believe that this attitude change would have continued," the report on the project states.

Sixteen classes of fifth-graders (462 pupils) were selected at random to react to the attitude scale before the free lunch program began. These same pupils again reacted to the attitude scale at the program's conclusion. In addition, an opinion-naire was designed to show how all teachers in the participating schools and other adults closely associated with the program reacted to it.

Typical of the comments made by teachers was this reaction: "I noticed a marked improvement in the alertness of these children during the afternoon

hours. Children who were eating a balanced lunch for the first time were not as drowsy. They participated better and their attitudes were much better."

Eighty percent of the participating teachers said student morale had improved and over 83 percent of the teachers strongly recommended that the special lunchroom program be continued and expanded.

A principal said, "While I have no statistical information for the short period of time, I know the attendance of these children improved; their attitudes improved and they were happier, more involved."

A school lunchroom manager said, "There was noticeable improvement in the behavior of children in the cafeteria." A parent said, "My child attended school

more eagerly; I did not have to force him to go."

State Director of School Food Service Ralph Eaton said the federally-financed pilot program involved a total of 19,164 children in 52 individual schools located in 50 different school systems. Approximately \$175,000 was furnished for the experiment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The participating schools, in areas with a high rate of economically deprived children, served nutritionally adequate lunches to all their pupils. The hot, daily prepared meals were free.

State Superintendent Craig Phillips, in reviewing the project evaluation, expressed regret that the experiment could not have been continued over a

longer period and that no new State funds have been provided for strengthening school food service programs during the next biennium. He said budget requests from the State Board of Education had included State assistance to local school systems for the employment of professional supervisors and to help meet increased labor costs resulting from enactment of the minimum wage and hour law.

One of the key requests, to provide \$649,320 during 1969-70 and \$675,360 during 1970-71 for improving the direction and supervision of lunchroom programs at the local level, was introduced in the Senate on April 23 but failed to gain approval from the joint appropriations committee.

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IT'S PEACH - TIME AGAIN - All these bushels of peaches are ripe and ready for selling, and there are many more on the trees ready for picking. This photo was taken at the J.H. Poole orchards.

George Willcox Promoted

Pope Named Burlington Worsteds Dyeing Plant Mgr.



GRAHAM POPE

Officials at Burlington Industries announced this week that two employees of the Raeford Burlington Worsteds Dyeing Plant have been promoted. They are George Willcox, former Plant Manager and Graham Pope, former Production Manager.

Pope will succeed Willcox as Plant Manager and Willcox has been named Manager of the Company's Brookneal, Virginia Plant.

Willcox is a native of Carthage, where he attended public school. He graduated from North Carolina State University at Raleigh in 1950 with a degree in Industrial Engineering.

He worked for a period with the Amerotron Corporation before joining Burlington in 1958. He has served as Manager of the Burlington Worsteds Dyeing Plant in Raeford since 1964.

Willcox is a Presbyterian and former Jaycee and Kiwanian. He is married to the former Mildred McWorter.

A native of Wallace, Pope graduated from North Carolina State University in 1956, with a degree in Textile Chemistry. He joined Burlington in 1959 and was promoted to Production Manager at the Raeford Plant in 1966.

Pope is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Kiwanis Club. He is married to the former Peggy Wells, also a native of Wallace, and they have three children.

Jesse Lee Resigns

Deputy Sheriff Jesse Lee, a member of the Hoke County Sheriff's staff since 1960, has submitted his resignation. It will become effective on August 10.



GEORGE WILLCOX

SHC Issues Call For Highway Bids

The State Highway Commission issued a call for bids for the Tuesday July 22, 1969 highway letting. Thirteen projects in twenty counties are included and involve more than 236 miles of road construction.

Hoke, Richmond and Scotland counties will receive 41.52 miles of sand asphalt surfacing on US - 1 - 220, 15, 401 and NC - 38 in resurfacing 10 sections of primary roads and 14 sections of secondary roads.

All bids for the projects must be received by the Highway Commission no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 22.

City Commissioners Approve New Lights

The City Commissioners at their July 7 meeting approved a measure to install street lights on the 800 block of East Donaldson Avenue and also on Lewis Street.

They also approved a one year purchase agreement with Badger Meter Company which will allow the city to buy water meters at a set price. This price will not increase during the coming year

even if the selling price for the meters increases.

A death benefit clause with North Carolina Local Government Employees Retirement System was approved by the commissioners. This clause will be added to the policies of all city employees who are now on the retirement program. The cost to the city for this addition will total \$8.

4-H'ers Return With Awards

Hoke County 4-H members came home from camp at Betsy Jeff Penn with about

85 per cent of the awards presented at the conclusion of the week of activities, according to Talmadge Baker, assistant farm agent.

Ashley, Gillis To Jamboree

Over 40,000 Boy Scouts and Explorers will converge on Farragut State Park, Idaho, from July 16 to the 22 to celebrate their 7th Annual National Jamboree. The Cape Fear Valley Council of the Boy Scouts will be represented by 35 Scouts and three leaders.

Attending the Jamboree from Raeford will be 14-year-old Lee Gillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Gillis. Gillis is a Star scout in the local scout troop No. 403. He will be a freshman next year at Hoke High.

Sponsoring his trip to the Jamboree are the Raeford Kiwanis Club and the Raeford Lions Club.

Another Raeford member of the troop will be the assistant scoutmaster, George Ashley, Jr. Ashley is working on the staff of Camp Tom Upchurch this summer and will be a senior next fall at Pembroke State University.

The group will fly to Chicago and board a train on which they will tour Yellowstone Park before arriving in Idaho.

Baker felt that even the sweltering weather throughout the week did not seem to curb everyone's enthusiasm and all participants had "a great time."

The youngsters were supervised by six adult leaders. They were Mrs. Grover McMillian, Mrs. Robert Orem, Freddie Plummer, Ellen Willis, home agent; Brenda Abrams, assistant home agent and Baker.

Winners from Hoke County were: David Willis and Jerri Ann Vanhoy, recreation; Kevin Baker and Becky Stone, horsemanship; Debbie Morris and David Dombkowski, handicraft; David Willis and Mark Heath, wildlife and Mark Heath, David Dombkowski and Debbie Morris, citizenship.

Designated as superior campers were David Dombkowski, David Willis, Debbie Morris, Tim Young and Mark Heath.

Swimming awards went to Billy Winburn for most cooperative, Kevin Baker for most improved and Mark Heath and David Dombkowski for best swimmers.

Mark Heath and Debbie Vanhoy were the winners of a free trip to camp next year.



SCOUT JAMBOREE DELEGATES LEAVE TODAY - Lee Gillis (l) and George H. Ashley, Jr. (r) are discussing final arrangements for their trip to the 7th National Boy Scouts Jamboree. Gillis will be one of the thirty-five delegates from the Cape Fear Council. Ashley, a senior at Pembroke State U., will act as an assistant scoutmaster on the trip.