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Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The word "friend" as stated somewhere, means simply a person one is fond of and chooses to associate with. This is one meaning and of course many people have other meanings for the word. The following people are ones that I call my friends, after reading this part of the column you will understand why.

In this day of high interest and high food prices, you can't help but call someone a friend who comes by and leaves you food for the table. Recently Mrs. T. Jeff Harris of the Bowmore Community came in the office and gave me a bag of string beans. A few days later Cousin John B. Cameron came by with a box of tomatoes. One morning last week before anyone but Dickson and myself were at work, in walked Raz Autry with a peck of peaches for yours truly. (He went back home and returned with Dickson a peck also.) Now these are friends, but this isn't all. Last Tuesday night H.R. McLean came by the house and gave me a bushel of corn. He said if we couldn't use it all to give some to our neighbors. To make the meal complete, my neighbor Angus Currie dropped by Sunday afternoon with two watermelons.

Now these people are what I call "friends". Then again they could be looking after the chairman of the Democratic party under a Republican administration. Anyway Dickson said, "Morris you got a good thing going!"

The picture in the paper last week caused some comment and in case you haven't identified it, it was of Clayton Buoyer. One comment heard was from Scott Poole who was upset because his picture wasn't run also. It seems Scott was working at Hoke Drug Co. the same time Buoyer was across the street. The only thing that came to my mind, was how much work either one of them was doing.

The Baptists won the league softball tournament by defeating the Presbyterians in the second game of a doubleheader last Friday night. The first game went 14 innings and the second game 10 innings. About four hours of playing in this hot weather certainly should separate the men from the boys. I will commend the manager of the Presbyterians, Scott Poole, who came off the bench after Wyatt Upchurch sprained his ankle and finished up the night's play. This brought back memories of softball in the pasture field when Col. Rube Poole was playing before World War II with a young National Guard team.

The group of 17 teams entered in the Southeastern District Softball Tournament sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club is the largest for the tournament in recent years. Included in these teams are Ralph's Mobile Homes and Auto Glass of Fayetteville. They are the two best teams from Fayetteville and with other towns trying to obtain the tournament, help the local Kiwanians keep the tournament here. Another way to be sure that the tournament stays here is for each of us to support it. Season tickets are on sale at a savings if you can attend every night or you can pay as you go. See any Kiwanian for a ticket.

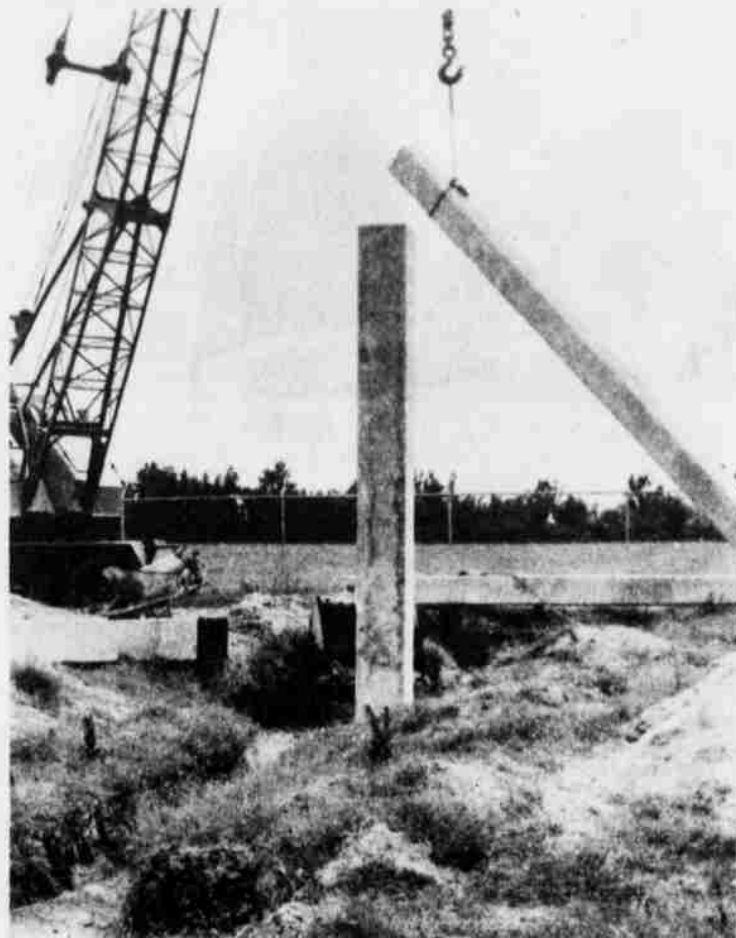
As stated in this column last week the National Guardsmen are in camp at Ft. Stewart, Ga. for two weeks. This means that hot weather is still around. When you don't have anything else to write about, you can always write about the weather. Well it is still hot in North Carolina. But this week you can certainly write about the man on the moon, or two men. As this is being written Apollo 11 is out of moon orbit and racing to the splash down near Hawaii Thursday.

How great was this accomplishment? One man stated on TV the other day that it was the greatest achievement man had made since creation of the universe. No doubt the feat was great but to be the greatest is taking a lot for granted. I guess in the mind of a scientist this would be so. Of course we all saw history made and time will tell what the future holds for this step forward into space.

Burlington Plants Closed Next Week

The local Burlington plants will close for vacation from July 28 through August 3. Vacation bonuses totaling more than \$4.5 million are being paid to Burlington Industries wage employees during the vacation season.

About 52,000 Burlington employees at plants in 15 states are to receive the payments, according to Charles A. McLendon, Burlington vice president for personnel. The summer payments are in addition to over 3.5 million in bonuses paid last December.



STRESSED CONCRETE BRINGING STADIUM TO COMPLETION - Hoke High's new stadium didn't make the graduation deadline but from all reports the stadium's completion date should come in plenty of time to allow football fans to enjoy the games in first-class comfort. Erecting the concrete is the S & G Pre-stress Concrete Company, Wilmington.

Burlington Sales Up; Earnings Decrease Slightly

Burlington Industries, Inc. Tuesday reported record consolidated net sales of \$447,627,000 for the quarter ended June 28, 1969, compared to sales of \$410,418,000 for the same quarter last year.

Net earnings for the quarter were \$19,607,000 equal to 76 cents per share. For the comparable quarter last year, net earnings were \$20,486,000 or 80 cents per share.

For the nine months ended June 28, net sales were \$1,331,560,000 and net earnings were \$60,162,000 or \$2.32 per

share on the 25,973,000 average shares outstanding during the period. In the comparable nine months last year, sales totaled \$1,202,277,000 and earnings were \$59,264,000 or \$2.34 per share on the 25,322,000 average shares outstanding during the period.

Charles F. Myers, Jr., chairman, commented that while the 9% increase in sales volume in the June quarter reflected a continuing high level of business, pre-tax profit margins of 9.3% for the quarter were lower than the 10.3% margins of the same period last year. The lower margins, he commented, resulted from lower selling prices in several product areas and increased costs, generally occurring in the economy.

The Board of Directors, meeting in New York today, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share, payable September 1, 1969, to shareholders of record at the close of business August 1, 1969.

17 4-H Club Members To Go To Raleigh Mon.

Hoke County is sending 17 4-H club members to the 4-H Congress next week in Raleigh. According to Talmadge Baker, assistant Farm Agent, this is a climax to the 4-H year.

At the Congress the state demonstration winners are chosen and the new state officers are elected. The State dress review and talent show are also held next week.

Sometime during the week Governor Bob Scott will address the group. The 4-Hers will also take a tour of the governor's mansion and legislative building. All those attending the Congress will stay at the North Carolina State dormitories and each youngster must pay his own way to the event.

Three adults will accompany the group. They are Brenda Abrams, assistant home agent, Joy Crissman and Talmadge Baker.

Bronze Star Medal Awarded Posthumously

The third highest medal given by the United States Army, the Bronze Star, will be presented posthumously to John M. Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Woodard of Raeford.

The Bronze Star Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster plus the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal will be presented to the Woodards within the next few weeks, according to a letter from Major General Kenneth G. Wickham, Adjutant General of the Department of the Army.

Pratt was killed in Vietnam on May 6 when he was accidentally shot returning from a late night patrol. He had served in Vietnam since January 1969.

Booster Club Football Feed Set For Aug. 14

The annual supper to raise money for football camp staged by the Hoke High Booster Club will be held Thursday, August 14 at the W. T. Gibson School cafeteria. The feed will begin at five p.m. and continue until seven-thirty. The date was set Monday night at the monthly meeting of the club.

Charlie Hottel, president, appointed Horace Davis as chairman of the supper committee and he will be assisted by Ashwell Harward and Jack Pope, along with other booster members.

The membership dues for the club were set at \$5.00 at the June meeting, but it was amended Monday night to sell a double membership man and wife for \$8.00. A cap will be given for each membership. It was noted that the cap for the ladies will not be men's caps. The membership committee was appointed and it consists of Jack Tucker, chairman, Jack Pope, Mike Wood, Bill Colson and Wilton Wood. The committee has set the goal for 240 members.

Hottel also appointed the program committee and it consists of Ashwell Harward, chairman, Neill A. McDonald, Pete Sawyer, Doc Ivey and Jimmy Plummer.

Following the business meeting a film, "Highlights of the 1968 ACC Football Season" was shown.

The August meeting of the club will be held Monday, August 4 at eight p.m. at the W. T. Gibson cafeteria.

In District Court

McInnis Under Five Year Suspension For Bad Checks

Neil G. McInnis, Fayetteville, was charged with six counts of passing over \$1,000 in worthless checks in District Court last Friday. Judge J. E. Dupree charged McInnis with a total of five years suspended sentence upon payment of restitution and costs in each case. The six

charges were consolidated into three sentences to run concurrently. Five forgery charges against McInnis were dropped when the Court found no probable cause.

In other action the Court waived preliminary hearings for Rudolph

Singletary, Raeford, who was charged with breaking, entering and larceny. He was bound over to Superior Court and his bond was set at \$1,000. Singletary is charged with the March 22 robbery of the Johnson Store in Raeford.

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Judge's Order

Border Belt Opens Wednesday With Government Graders Present

Hoke County tobacco farmers started taking their crops to market yesterday as the North Carolina's Border Belt Tobacco Markets opened for business.

Although the opening was hotly contested by Border Belt Warehouse Association, Inc. Federal District Judge Algernon Butler, Clinton, cleared the way for the opening. Judge Butler directed the U. S. Department of Agriculture to provide graders for the sale. His action came after a hearing on a complaint against the USDA filed by the Border Belt Warehouse Association.

The Border Belt Warehousemen met last week and decided to open the markets Wednesday. Their action was taken despite a recommendation by the industry wide Flue - Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee that Border Belt Markets in the state delay opening until July 28 or 29.

The warehousemen filed the complaint after the USDA turned down its request for graders on the early date.

Tobacco is not eligible for federal price supports until it is graded.

The warehousemen had contended earlier that a week's delay in the opening

of North Carolina markets would mean a loss to them of thousands and thousands of dollars in profits to markets in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, which opened on Wednesday.

Warehousemen lose heavily when tobacco is taken out of their area and sold in other markets. North and South Carolina markets normally open on the same date.

The Border Belt markets are in Fairmont, Lumberton, Whiteville, Tabor City, Chadbourn, Clarkton, Fair Bluff and Fayetteville.

Going To France

Debbie Anderson Hoke's First Exchange Student

By Margaret Lanster

"Of course I am excited," Debbie said. "I can't wait to find out what it's like!" The Debbie mentioned above is Debbie Anderson Hoke High School's first foreign exchange student. The "it" mentioned is the country that will be her home for the next year, France.

Debbie, daughter of Mrs. Frances Anderson, will leave Raeford en route to France on August 6. Her departure from France from Philadelphia will be on August 11.

According to Larry Mabe, Hoke High French teacher, Debbie was chosen for this honor because of her academic ability, her interest in France and her outstanding character.

"I have no doubt in my mind that Debbie will be a credit to us and to herself during her stay in France," Mabe

said. She will be attending the Lycee Marguerite De Navaree in Alencon, France as a junior. The boarding school has just recently been completed and according to Debbie it will be co-educational.

Debbie will return to Hoke High as a senior and use the knowledge she has gained during her stay in France to help the students receive a better understanding of the language. Mabe felt she could be of great service in helping the advanced students become more fluent in their speaking of the language.

On her arrival in Paris Debbie will be met by an English teacher from the boarding school and will have a few weeks of sightseeing before she enters school. Next spring Debbie will meet her mother in Germany.

The exchange program is being conducted through the American Friends Service Company, a Quaker organization

headquartering in Philadelphia. The exchange will cost the Hoke School \$750 for the entire year. Debbie will be given her room and board plus \$5 a week spending money.

According to Mabe the school has been informed that the American Friends Company is cancelling its exchange program next year so if the school wants to keep the program going it will have to be done by forming an alliance possibly with the boarding school Debbie is attending.

The program is a reciprocal affair with each school system taking a student. Last year Hoke High had its first foreign exchange student, Phillippee Marcel Piere Bertheau.

Raz Autry, Hoke High principal, was the instigator of the program in Hoke. Beth Autry and Mabe are hoping they will be able to somehow keep the program going.



RAEFORD GIRL LEAVES FOR FRANCE - Larry Mabe, Hoke High School's French teacher, points out where Debbie Anderson, Hoke High's first exchange student, will spend her year in France. Debbie will attend a boarding school in France at no expense to herself. The school will pay a minimum fee of \$750 for Debbie's year abroad.