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Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The rumor going around town that the ninth grade will be at Upchurch School this fall is like the weather, all wet. Supt. D. D. Abernethy stated this week he doesn't know where the rumor started, but that it was not true. We hardly have room for the students already assigned there, he stated, so we can't possibly put 400 more at that school.

Ann Webb, advertising saleswoman for the paper, was talking this week about a 'Back - to - School' edition or ads and it finally dawned on me that it is less than a month until school opens. It seems only last week that school was let out for the summer vacation. Maybe it is because I haven't taken a vacation so far this year that time has stood still for me.

Anyway be prepared for the Back - to - School promotion that will be put on by the local merchants. A bargain in Raeford is better than one out of town because you don't have the added expense of getting to that bargain. So anytime possible, always Shop in Raeford.

Rep. N. L. McFadyen, Clerk of Court E. E. Smith, Publisher Paul Dickson and yours truly went over to Cumberland County last Thursday night. The occasion was a fish fry for Charles Dawkins the new highway commissioner for our district. When we arrived on the scene we were met by another Hoke County person, the honorable Judge Joe Dupree. The rain held up until everyone had been fed, but it was a downpour all the way back to Raeford.

We were all impressed with the new commissioner and after talking with him for sometime and listening to him talk to the group you could tell that Hoke County would not be forgotten by him. This is the first time we have been with Cumberland County under a highway commissioner and with all our other political ties such as, Judges, solicitors, senators and congressmen we have right much in common interest. One thing he said was "that the road from Raeford to Fayetteville went both ways and things that benefited one would benefit the other."

The Booster Club supper will be held next Thursday night, August 14 at the W. T. Gibson cafeteria beginning at 5:00 o'clock. Take the family out for the night and help the Booster members send the football players to camp.

The pictures of the new stadium in the paper this week were taken as the first section was being completed. Monday another section had been put up, but with the weather like it is, the next section may be a little longer in rising. The turf was doing nicely, but the heavy rains could also cause it to take more time in sodding.

We know that the committee has done everything possible to get the stadium completed but with the weather like it is now, when it will be completed is uncertain. Approximately four weeks still remain before the first football game.

The weather has been mentioned in this column several times and I believe anyone can discuss rain with you. The article last week about five inches falling on July 28th has just been the start. Since last Thursday it seems to me that everytime you look out it was either raining or fixing to rain. Monday it started and as this is being written on Tuesday, it has rained continuously and doesn't look like it is going to let up.

The letter to the editor in last week's paper about "the Mentally Retarded" shows the concern of one mother in the county. After three years of waiting she is still trying to make contact with someone to help her. If anyone knows of an organization in the county that this falls under, would you please contact Mrs. Miller. If you don't want to contact her call me here at The News-Journal and I will be glad to help in any way I can.

We who are living with our families and who are all healthy must remember that "except by the grace of God it could happen to us."

Football Players Notice

Head Football Coach John Pecora asks that all prospective football players in grades 9 - 12 meet at the Hoke High School gym Thursday, August 7th at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the upcoming football camp and season.



TRUCK LOSES PIPE IN CAR WINDOW - A truck carrying scrap metal lost a pipe in the front window of a rented buick driven by an unidentified Raleigh man. According to sources at Huffman's Esso, where the car was taken, the man was driving down 401 behind the truck when the pipe fell off the truck and sent through the window. The driver, although quite shaken, was not hurt.

Housing Solution Heard By Hoke Commissioners

The County Commissioners heard views on a possible solution to the county's housing problem at their regular monthly meeting on Monday. Alfie Burns Vickery, chief construction supervisor for the Tomberlin Associate Architects, Inc., talked to the commissioners about the possibility of controlling the low - rent housing development now being considered by the Town Housing Authority.

Vickery explained the different projects that the County would have to undertake to initiate a housing authority which amounted to anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Vickery told the board members that the Town Housing Authority had requested that he talk to the commissioners and inform the members of the interest the town authority members have in including the entire county in this project.

At the present time the county budget does not allow for any such expense. Although the commissioners felt that they would cooperate with the town in any way they could, the feasibility of this program would have to undergo an

exhaustive study and another yearly budget before any definite action could be taken.

The commissioners approved \$150 to be used from the Jail Building Fund for additional paving around the jail area. They also approved to expend funds for an additional driveway to the parking lot in the jailhouse area.

An appointment of a member to serve on Seacap, Inc. Board of Directors was delayed until later in the month.

Dickson Reappointed Sandhills Trustee

Paul Dickson was reappointed by Governor Bob Scott, Tuesday, to the Board of Trustees of Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines.

Dickson was appointed to Sandhill's first Board of Trustees in 1964 by Governor Terry Sanford.

A re-adjusted school budget was approved by the commissioners. The commissioners also amended the county budget, this did not increase the budget only re - adjusted some figures.

A request before the commissioners to increase the county's mileage allowance from 8 cents to 9 cents per mile was rejected by the commissioners. They felt that the increase could not be handled in the present budget allotments.

The County Home Agent, Ellen Willis, and County Assistant Farm Agent, Talmadge Baker, present monthly reports on their departments. Dale Jones, a PACE worker for the Farm Agents office, also presented a report on what he had done during the summer.

In other business the commissioners accepted a bid from the National Cash Register Company, Wilmington, to install a cash register in the tax collector's office. The register will cost \$3,830.84.

The commissioners also approved the purchase of three filing cabinets for the Home Agent's office. This money will be taken out of the budget that was set up for expenses for the Home Agent.

James W. Turlington A Dedicated Worker In The Field Of Education

By Margaret Ann Lamster

With the opening of the fall semester of school in Hoke County J. W. Turlington, principal of the Raeford Elementary School, will begin his 27th year of dedicated work in the field of

education. Turlington has spent most of these years in Raeford, teaching in the Hoke County school system.

A native of Fremont, Turlington decided to settle in Raeford because "I just liked Raeford - It's a friendly place."

In 1938 Turlington started his career as a science teacher at the local high school.

After four years he entered the army and after he was released he received his master's degree before returning to Raeford in 1947, again as a science teacher.

Shortly after his return he began working in the elementary grades and has worked in the lower grades since then. Upon his arrival in Hoke, Turlington recalls that there were 28 schools in the county. At that time Hoke High School employed around 14 teachers according to Turlington.

"Hoke High was one of the first schools in the state to have a 12 year education program," he said. "Before then most schools worked on an 11 year schedule. Hoke was also one of the first counties to have a county - wide high school."

Turlington feels that such subjects as science and math are now being taught by new concepts and that students now get a broader education.

"But I don't think they are getting as thorough a base in the fundamentals," he said. "I don't like to say the children today are getting more knowledge but they are discovering more facts."

He felt that education techniques seem to run in cycles.

"Some of the things that are being tried now were being done thirty years ago," he explained. "I must admit there has been a tremendous improvement in audio visual aids. I can remember when I had to buy a camera and film to use in my classes."

Next year the schools in Hoke will be facing their first year under total integration. The grade schools have been

For 1969 Fifth Highway Fatality Recorded In Hoke County

***** Hoke In New Highway Set-up; Dawkins Head

Charles R. Dawkins, owner of a Fayetteville real estate firm, will represent Hoke County on the State Highway Commission. Named to the position by Governor Bob Scott, Dawkins will represent the district made up of Hoke, Bladen and Cumberland counties.

Before this year Hoke was part of the 8th district which was composed of Scotland, Moore, Lee, Richmond, Montgomery, Randolph and Hoke. The 8th district was represented by J. F. McNair III of Laurinburg.

The appointment of Dawkins by Gov. Scott was a surprise to most political observers in the area and was viewed by many as a compromise selection. Dawkins is a former member of Fayetteville City Council and is a member of the board of trustees of Fayetteville State College.

A native of Mt. Gilead, Dawkins moved to Fayetteville 30 years ago. He operated a lumber business for 25 years before opening his real estate company in 1964.

In a recent conversation with a few Hoke County citizens Dawkins said that he wanted people to call on him in this office at Fayetteville. He stated that he would play no favorites and that he had made promises to no one.

Residents in the area felt that the future of the highway situation in Hoke looks bright.

Hoke County's fifth highway fatality for this year was Richard Douglas, age 9, of Rt. 3, Red Springs. The accident occurred at noon on July 30, on rural paved road 1120 approximately 10 miles south of Raeford, when a car driven by the Rev. James Davis of Rt. 1, Raeford, struck Douglas as he was walking on the wrong side of the road. According to the investigating patrolman, C. A. Bennett, Douglas had his back toward the traffic and he ran in front of the oncoming car. Douglas was taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital where he died a few hours after the accident.

No charges were filed against Davis. According to Bennett, two of Hoke's five highway fatalities have been pedestrians.

Pre-Registration

Registration for first grade students will be held at J.W. McLaughlin School on Tuesday Aug. 12 and Wednesday Aug. 13 between 9:00 and 12:00 noon, according to Jim Bowles, principal.

All parents of first grade students, who have not already completed registration, are urged to register their child on these dates. The child's birth certificate, shot record and pre-school physical examination will be needed to complete registration.

This pre-registration information is necessary before class rolls can be made and teachers assigned to classes. It will not be possible to register and assign students to class on opening day of school (Aug. 29).

Council Meets Housing Expert

The City Council spent much of their monthly meeting listening to Alfie Burns Vickery, chief construction supervisor for the Tomberlin Associates Architecture, Inc., explain the pros and cons of federal low rent housing.

Vickery was presented to the council by Joe Upchurch, chairman of the city Housing Authority. After listening to Vickery the members decided that they would like to hold a joint meeting with

the County Commissioners to further discuss the project on a county - wide basis. John Gaddy, city manager, was asked by the council to arrange a joint meeting of the two boards.

In other action the council signed a contract with Micanopy Cable TV Company. Under this contract Raeford will receive cable TV within 18 months. Stipulation was made in the contract that Raeford would have an open channel for local programming. The cost of the cable TV is not known at the present time.

The council adopted the policy that for the city to install drainage pipe in a natural drainage ditch on city property at the request of a resident it would cost the resident \$3 a foot. If a resident wanted the drainage pipe put in a natural drainage ditch on private property the resident would have to pay all of the cost of the pipe.

Also approved was the installation of 1,000 feet of six inch water line plus two fire hydrants and all accessories outside the city on the Aberdeen road. The pipe, five hydrants and accessories are being furnished by the contractor. The city will provide the labor.

Five Receive Scholarships

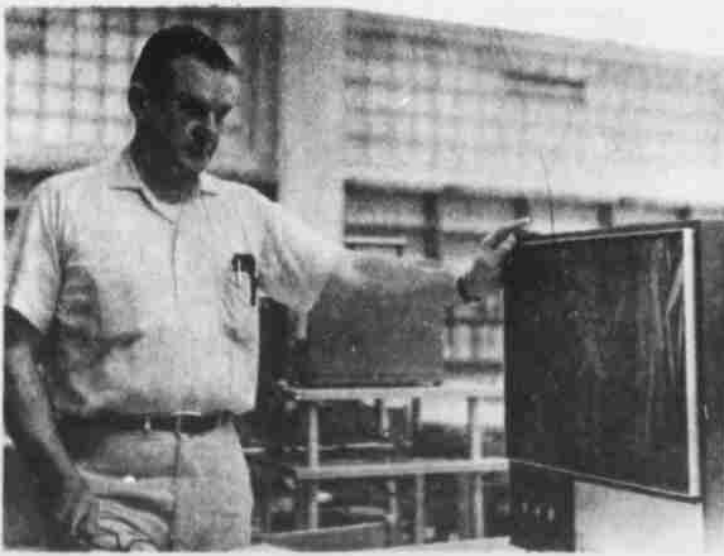
Six more names have been added to the list of Hoke High 1969 graduates receiving college scholarships.

Four competitive scholarships were awarded by the Veterans Affairs Department of North Carolina. Local winners were Wendell Ronnie Branch, Ronnie Huff, Terry Roberts and Eddie Webb, Jr. According to Mrs. Marion M. Clark, County Service officer, only 100 of these scholarships are awarded in the state.

A non-competitive scholarship also given by the North Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs went to Charles Michael Woodell.

All of the above scholarships pay room, board and tuition. Any boy or girl who will be a senior this year and whose father is a recipient of any VA benefits can apply for these scholarships.

Confirmation was also received from North Carolina Central University on a \$3,000 grant in financial assistance for Lillie Ruth Blue.



TURLINGTON INSPECTS NEW EQUIPMENT - A new type of visual aid will be used this year in the Raeford Elementary School. Turlington felt this short-subject colored film projector would be very helpful to the teachers as well as the students during next year's school term.