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## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

**COMMENDATION** - Mrs. Joe Parker who lives near the scene of the wreck that occurred on US 401 South Saturday called the office Monday with high praise for Trooper Joe Stanley of the State Highway Patrol. She stated that Stanley worked without rest in removing the bodies from the wrecked autos. Mrs. Parker said that as far as she knew that this was beyond the call of duty for a patrolman. So we commend, Joe Stanley, for a job well done.

Another group that was on the scene that we think should be praised are the members of the Hoke Rescue Squad. They give freely of their time and energy at all accidents, whether traffic or otherwise. The know-how of this group makes the work of everyone seem easier at all times.

The Back-to-School Promotion in Raeford is still in progress and local merchants are stocked up with any item needed for your school needs. So if you haven't looked over the bargains be sure to do so this weekend. School begins next week.

The Booster Club feed and the Firemen's dinner being back to back could have hurt the attendance at both affairs. The city still isn't large enough for too many feeds in the same week.

When you think of the Booster Club you always think of Neil James Blue a member and strong supporter of the Bucks. His aunt, Mrs. Kate Blue Covington, was in the office this week and stated that he was operated on in Winston-Salem for a slipped disc in his back. We hope that this puts "the old kid", as some of us know him, back in A-1 shape for the upcoming football season. So let's all hope for a speedy recovery for N.J. Blue.

Robert Gatlin, former fire chief of the local fire department, was presenting awards or making a speech at the firemen's luncheon last Friday night and had the following comment to make as he gave an award to Wayside Fire Department. The award was for the fast action taken by that fire department when the square of Puppy Creek, Dick Neeley's bathroom caught on fire and they kept the flames from spreading to the house.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday at seven a.m. for the monthly meeting and had the new highway commissioner as a guest.

During the course of the discussion one person from Hoke asked the commissioners if we could get just one-half the roads Scotland County got during the past four years. He replied that Cumberland County would like to have just one-half the roads that Columbus got during the past four years. He said the former commissioner for Cumberland was in the county only twice to his knowledge.

After the meeting everyone felt that Hoke County was very fortunate to have Charlie Dawkins and be with Cumberland and Bladen Counties to form our district.

A letter signed L. Satterwhite states that Cy Israel's letters are enjoyed by many people in the Quewhille Community and hopes we will continue to print them.

Of course, the letters will be printed as long as Cy keeps sending them and his weekly work gives him the time to write.

I was on vacation last week and found a note in my basket from Mrs. Harry McLean concerning "Mental Retardation". Since two others are out this week I haven't had time to contact Mrs. McLean but will do so, just as soon as the weekly rush is over. If anyone else is interested in this subject you could call her at 875-4144 and let her know you will help also.

The budgets and admission committee of the Hoke County United Fund organization will meet Thursday night, August 28 at 8 o'clock in the Education Building on E. Edinborough Avenue. If you have anything to come before them be present with your reports, so states Donald Abernethy, chairman.

## Schools To Open August 29

With the beginning of school next week the summer will be coming to a close. According to Donald Abernethy, Hoke County Schools Superintendent, August 29th will be the first day that the Hoke County Schools will open their doors.

On the 29th the students will only be going half a day for registration and assignment. According to Abernethy the buses will run for the half day session. The first full day of school will be September 2.

According to Abernethy the school staffs are just about complete.

"We're in much better shape this year than we were last year," he commented. "We only have a few vacancies in special education and we hope to fill those shortly."

## Six Arrested For 4 Break-Ins

Raeford police department has arrested four soldiers in connection with two break-ins that occurred Sunday morning. The Travelers Service Station and Pure Oil Service Station both at the intersection of 401 and Harris Avenue were the scenes of the robberies.

According to Police Chief L. W. Stanton, Coke and cracker machines were robbed at both locations. The four soldiers were seen leaving the scene and picked up by the police department and sheriff's department.

Robert Gore, J. L. Sarbers, J. L. Ewl and Robert S. Scott, all between the ages of 17 and 20, were charged with breaking and entering. Stanton stated that individual bond had been set at \$300 and the accused foursome will appear at the August 29th session of District Court.

Another set of break-ins occurred Monday night at the Hoke Rescue Squad Building on East 7th Street and the Elementary School according to Stanton. Over \$425 in damage was accounted for in stolen goods and damage at the Rescue Building. Approximately \$25 damage was done to the windows at the school and a \$15 stop watch was stolen.

According to Stanton two boys were arrested for the offenses. One boy, age 14, has been sent to the training school and the other boy, Mike Walters, 16, has been charged with breaking, entering and larceny. His bond has been set at \$800, according to Stanton.

## Wide Participation Sought In ASC September Elections

Every eligible voter is urged to participate in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation community and county committee elections Hoke County ASC Committee Chairman Ker W. McNeill, said today.

ASC community committee elections will be held the third week in September, and slates of nominees soon will be compiled at the ASC County Office.

"This year it seems to me especially important that farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecropper not only vote but also nominate and work for candidates of their choice," said Chairman McNeill.

"The ASC committee system is the vital connecting link between the individual farmer and Washington in the administration of farm programs such as crop acreage stabilization and commodity price supports. Farm programs are changing as national needs and concerns change."

## Civil Term In District Court To Begin On September 2nd

Hoke County District Court, civil term will begin September 2 with Judge D.B. Herring presiding.

Divorce cases on the docket include William H. Bruton vs. Eleanor H. Bruton, Mary Lois Lee vs. Ssg. Sammy S. Lee, Sue Nell Gay vs. John Henry Gay and John Paul Dawson vs. Nadine Womack Dawson.

Non-jury cases to come before the court include Hoke-Scotland Tractor Company vs. Ben Alton and wife Annie Alton, Richard Maynor and Willie Campbell vs. Bell Arthur Locklear and wife Beattie Locklear, Bobby Blanton vs. Fayetteville Wholesale Building, Florian Fashions Inc. vs. Davis of Liberty, Inc., Pure Oil Company vs. Edward E. Breeden and wife Leona M. Breeden.

Only two jury cases will be tried. They are Ralph Smith Cecil (B/N/F/I) Shirley Jean Currie vs. James A. Williams and Robert F. Turner vs. John Harrell and wife Nadine.

# Three Killed Saturday In Head-On Collision



SCENE OF ACCIDENT - Three people were killed in Hoke County Saturday on U. S. 401 in a head-on collision. Hoke County's highway death toll stands at nine.

## School Bus Schedules Announced

Bus schedules are now in order for the upcoming school year. According to E.G. Inman who is in charge of the bus routing, everything is ready for the new school district program.

Carrying children to Upchurch School will be bus No. 7. Children in grades six, seven and eight will use this bus. The bus will start its rounds at 7 a.m. and will make one minute stops at the following locations. It will arrive at Upchurch shortly after 8 a.m.

The bus will make its first stop at the southern end of Wooley Street. From there the next stop will be at the corner

of Harris and Dickson, then it will stop at Dickson and W. Edinborough and continue to its next stop at Prospect and Dickson. Another stop will be made at Fifth Avenue and Green Street and then at Fifth Avenue and Fulton Street.

The bus will then stop at the Raeford Elementary School and continue to Fulton and W. Edinborough.

The rest of the stops, in order of their occurrence are: Central and Magnolia, E. Central and Stewart, Wilmoth, Oakwood, St. Pauls Drive, St. Pauls Drive and Reaves St., Elwood Avenue and Crawford Street, Crawford and Donaldson, Donaldson Avenue and McRae, E. Prospect, Forrest Street and Grant Avenue, Forrest Street and Sixth Avenue, Sixth Avenue and Saunders Street, Jackson Street and E. Prospect, E. Edinborough and Jackson Street, E. Edinborough and Stewart Street, and Sixth Avenue and N. Main.

Two buses will be picking up children for South Hoke School this year. Children in grades four and five in the central district will use these buses.

Bus No. 26 first stop will be at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Magnolia

Street. From there it will continue on to make the following one minute stops. Fifth Avenue and Green Street, Donaldson Avenue and Green Street, Bethune Avenue and Dickson Street, W. Edinborough and Dickson Street, Wright Street and W. Central, Wright and Harris Avenue, Wooley and Maxwell Avenue, Magnolia Street, Harris Avenue and Magnolia Street, W. Elwood and Magnolia Street, W. Edinboro and Bethel Road, Dickson Street and Bethel Road, Wright Street and Bethel Road.

Bus No. 2 first stop will be at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Forrest Street. From there it will continue on to make the following one minute stops. Prospect and Forrest Street, Prospect, Donaldson and McRae, Elwood Avenue and Crawford, Reaves Street and St. Pauls Drive, Reaves Street and Oakwood Avenue, Oakwood Avenue, Oakwood Avenue and St. Pauls Drive, E. Donaldson and Jackson Street, Prospect and Saunders Street, Prospect and Stewart Street, Donaldson Avenue and Stewart Street, E. Central and Stewart Street and S. Main and Campbell.

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## Dawkins States Tuesday

# \$130,000 Prospect Avenue Project Up For Reletting

Special guest speaker at the monthly Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting was Charles Dawkins, the appointed elected Highway Commissioner for Cumberland, Hoke and Bladen Counties.

Dawkins explained his intentions on carrying out the state highway program and stated that he "would treat everyone equal." During the speech Dawkins announced that he would be re-letting bids immediately for the Prospect Street extension improvement. He estimated the cost would run around \$130,000. Only \$113,000 had been made available for this improvement; the rest of the money will come from the Commissioners fund, according to Dawkins.

Another announcement Dawkins made was to stress the fact that he will make the widening of U.S. 401 one of his top priorities. He stated that he would push to get the 401 stretch between Raeford and Fayetteville widened to four lanes.

Dawkins also re-affirmed the Highway Commission's policy on the paving of secondary roads and said that he would follow the conditions of this policy and play no favorites.

After his speech Dawkins introduced his staff to the Board. Special guests at the meeting were John K. McNeill, mayor, T.B. Lester, County manager, and Duran Berry, District Solicitor for Superior Court.



HOKE-RAEFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING - Charles R. Dawkins, member of the State Highway Commission, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the local Chamber of Commerce. From left to right are John K. McNeill, mayor, Dawkins and Younger Snaad, Jr., president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hoke County's 1969 traffic death toll, swelled by three weekend fatalities, climbed to nine, one above the August, 1968 total.

The three deaths occurred when a 1967 Buick convertible collided, head-on, with a 1960 Chevrolet pick-up truck four miles south of Raeford on U.S. 401 Saturday about 10 a.m.

The fatally injured were identified by Highway Patrolman J.E. Stanley as Fred Peterkin Jr., 26, and his two sisters, Lois Peterkin, 30, and Mary Helen Peterkin, 28, all of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Peterkins and five other persons were en route to the funeral of their uncle, Ernest Whitman, in McColl, S.C. Whitman had been fatally shot earlier this week.

Listed in serious condition at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg were Freddie Walker, 3, Aretta Walker, 8 months, Billy Graham, Doris Walker, 24 and Annie McLeod, 20. All were related except Graham, apparently a friend of the family from Brooklyn.

The group had moved to New York several weeks ago from McColl, Stanley said.

Also injured was Irving Starnes, 43, of Wagram, who was hospitalized with severe lacerations and broken legs. Starnes was pinned in the pick-up truck he was driving for two hours before he was freed by Hoke County Rescue Squad members.

Stanley said Peterkin was driving a convertible owned by Graham about four miles south of Raeford on U.S. 401.

He apparently tried to pass a vehicle which was turning to the right and collided head-on with Starnes' pick-up.

The two children were thrown through the top of the convertible.

Peterkin was killed instantly, and his two sisters were dead on arrival at the hospital, Stanley said.

Peterkin's drivers license had recently been revoked in New York, Stanley said.

## Cortez Cooper Named To Board

The Rev. Cortez Cooper has been named to the County Board of Elections according to John Scott Poole, County chairman. The Rev. Mr. Cooper was recommended to the vacancy, made by the death of Charles Strother, by the chairman of the State Republican Committee, Strother drowned in an accident earlier this summer.

The County Board of Elections is made up of three members; two democrats and one republican. The two democratic members of the board are Poole and T. W. Jones.