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Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

A trip to the mountains with my wife last weekend was worth the long ride. We visited my brother, James Morris, at Chimney Rock Saturday and Sunday. The foliage was beautiful but we expect that this weekend will be better. The first frost of the season was last Friday night for Hickory Nut Gorge where Chimney Rock is located. Sunday morning the mercury was down to 30 degrees and unless a storm comes up to cause the leaves to fall the foliage should be at its height this weekend.

The traffic was heavy on the main highways coming and going. We took a trip on some of the secondary roads and went by apple orchards and pack sheds. The growers were picking on Saturday anticipating the freeze that occurred Saturday night.

We have been to the mountains many times during the summer months but the color at this time of year is the time to head for western North Carolina.

Lawrence Maddry who was a reporter on The News-Journal several years ago was written up recently in The Virginian Pilot, a Norfolk, Va. daily newspaper. One of the clippings had this to say: "Meet Lawrence Maddry. He's the Pilot's new Columnist. Starting Sunday. Five days a week. Maddry has an eye for the offbeat that makes him prefer the informality of a column to the run of regular news."

He has worked in Raleigh and Chapel Hill before moving to Virginia a few years ago. Maddry is a native of Lumberton and is married to the former Virginia McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McNeill of Raeford. We hope for him a successful career as a columnist.

Mrs. Elizabeth Swindell, publisher of the Wilson Daily Times, was in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Smith last Friday afternoon. She was talking to a group after the funeral about the beauty of Bethel Church. She was informed about some of the history of the church, including the writing in the Bible by Gen. Sherman. I believe she would have stayed there as long as something new could be added to a conversation concerning the church. She stated that work should be started now to be sure that the church and grounds would be kept in the best of shape and preserved as a historical monument. This is something we could think about. It is cheaper to keep up something than to restore it after it is beyond repair.

The Rev. Allen Smyth stated at the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Smith that he did not know her personally but that he knew about her from the things she had done in her community and church. Yes, the Blue Springs Community will miss Mrs. Lucy but will see for years to come things that she worked for to make the community a better place to live. She will be remembered by many people in Hoke County as the school children she fed as lunchroom supervisor and also by many Kiwanians who she prepared meals for many years. The spirit of Mrs. Lucy will be in Hoke County for many years to come.

I don't believe we walk enough this day and time. Col. Bob Lewis, president of the Bank of Raeford, walks to and from work approximately 85 percent of the time. I have been in position to observe him for many years and I believe his steps are at the same pace as they were 35 years ago. Before the Savings and Loan and City Cleaners buildings were constructed he walked through the lot to Main Street and the bank. Since then he has changed his route and comes down to Elwood Avenue and by the post office before going to the bank. Most days he passes the News-Journal office around 7:30 a.m. and returns about 5:15 p.m. Not only is this Monday through Saturday, but Sunday he takes the same route going to Sunday School.

Dick Neely was by Tuesday morning and was telling me about his trip to Atlanta to take his daughter Susan who will be working there. He said he called up the Rev. Cortez Cooper and Corty said that the cast on Peter's foot had been removed. While Dick was talking in walked Ken McNeill so maybe I had better end this column before quoting anything else that was said.

MENTAL RETARDATION

MEETING

TONIGHT, (THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 23, 1969

7:30

3 Wrecks Occur During Weekend; No Bad Injuries

Raeford Police had a busy time over the past weekend. In addition to the shooting in the Record Room Friday afternoon, the local police investigated three traffic accidents that occurred Friday and Saturday.

Idelle Russell Durham of Winston-Salem luckily escaped serious injury Friday afternoon when her car overturned on US 401.

Miss Durham said she went to sleep at the wheel of her car while she was traveling south on the busy highway. Damage to the top and sides of her car was estimated to be about \$1,000. She was charged with careless and heedless driving.

Early Friday evening, a vehicle driven by Jimmy A. Bunnell, of Route 2, Raeford, collided with a car driven by Alberta H. McPhatter of Route 1, Raeford. Damage to both cars was very minor. Bunnell was charged by Raeford Police with failure to yield the right of way.

A plate glass window at Howell Drug Company was broken when the brakes failed on a car driven by Mary McAllister of Route 1, Raeford.

She was traveling south on Main Street and attempted to park in front of Howell's. Damage was estimated to be \$200 to \$300. No charges were filed.

Police Chief Lawrence Stanton stated it was lucky that no one was injured in the accident. The streets of Raeford were crowded with Saturday afternoon shoppers at the time of the window smashing.

Thursday Set For Annual Homecoming Parade And Game

Hoke High School will celebrate Homecoming Thursday with a Homecoming Parade, football game and other festivities.

The annual Homecoming Parade is scheduled to begin Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m. It will start from Raeford Elementary School go down Main Street, out Harris Avenue to the Hoke Athletic Field.

The Parade will feature the Hoke High Marching Band, class floats, and beauties representing each of the high school classes.

The Bucks will host the Dun Greenwave in the Homecoming game at 8 p.m. at the new stadium. The Bucks will be looking for their fourth straight victory and their fifth in eight games. They are rated as slight favorites.

During halftime, the Homecoming Queen will be crowned. This year's queen will be Pat Macko, Deborah Rogers, or Pam English. The students at Hoke High went to the polls Monday to select a queen. Results of the election, will not be known until the Queen is crowned tonight.

UF Drive Starts Monday Connell: Everything Ready

The 1970 United Fund Campaign will begin Monday morning, October 27, according to Drive Chairman Avery Connell.

Connell said Tom Burgess will be in charge of coordinating the fund collection in the communities around Raeford.

Assisting Burgess will be Miss Willa McLaughlin in Allendale, Mrs. Jeff Harris in Blue Springs, Bill Newton in

Two Charged In Shooting Man Wounded Three Times By Raeford Merchant Friday

Investigation Continues

Raeford Police are continuing their investigation into the Friday afternoon shooting of Leroy Catharan, in the Record Room in downtown Raeford.

According to Chief of Police Lawrence Stanton, Catharan, of Route 1, Red Springs, was shot three times with a .22 pistol fired by Mrs. Nina May Fields. It is alleged that Mrs. Fields shot Catharan after he had knocked her sister, Mrs. Beatrice Osborne, to the floor of the store and put a knife to her throat.

Investigation by the local police revealed that Catharan had been in the store to look at guitars the previous weekend and again several times during the day, Friday.

After dicker about the price of a particular guitar, he left the record shop.

When he returned, according to the accounts of the incident given by the two women to the police, he knocked Mrs. Osborne to the floor and held a sheath knife at her throat. Mrs. Fields then shot him three times; once in the head, once in the shoulder, and once in the chest.

Catharan staggered from the store and collapsed on Elwood Avenue. He was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital, where he is in good condition. It is expected he will be released in a few days.

Police indicated they had no reason to believe Catharan was attempting to rob the store.

Both Mrs. Fields and Catharan were charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Catharan will be taken into custody by Raeford Police upon his release from the hospital.

Chief Stanton said there were still several questions in the case yet unanswered and the investigation would continue until more evidence in the case comes to light.



ROUGH ROAD—The driver of this truck, Bobby Joe Edwards of Hartsville, S. C., found that US 401 can be a mighty rough road to ride when you go to sleep at the wheel. Edwards was reported to be in good condition in the hospital by Trooper Cliff Bennett, who investigated the Thursday morning accident. The tractor-trailer rig was damaged to the tune of an estimated \$20,000 when Edwards fell asleep and the truck rolled off the embankment on the left shoulder of US 401 just north of the overpass.

Pro Sales Taxers Set Organization

The "Citizens for one cent Local Option Sales Tax" today announced the following citizens have been chosen to head up the pre-sales tax group.

Harold L. Gillis manager of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, is the chairman of the organization. Gillis will be assisted by Mrs. J. A. Hunt, Mrs. Lawrence McNeill, Mrs. James Thomas, and Mrs. Neill McFadyen, who have been chosen vice-chairmen.

T. B. Lester Jr. is the Chairman of the

Speakers' Bureau. If any group desires a speaker to appear before it and present the case for the additional one cent sales tax, Lester will provide a speaker.

Lester will continue to serve the organization as secretary.

The steering committee of the citizens group is composed of Charles A. Hostetler, T. C. Jones, Lonnie Bledsoe, Louis Oxendine, and the Rev. Jerry Quick. They stated, "they were extremely pleased at the high caliber of

people who have been willing to accept responsibility in promoting the vote for the tax."

Recently, the County Commissioners, City Council, Board of Education, the local unit of NCEA, Raeford Kiwanis Club, and the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce have endorsed their support for the one cent Local Option Sales Tax.

Neither the Raeford City Council nor the Hoke County Board of Commissioners have as yet given any indication as to how the new revenues, if the sales tax is approved in Hoke County, will be spent.

Citizens of Hoke County will have the

opportunity to go to the polls to decide the fate of the local sales tax on Tuesday November 4. There will be an election on the tax issue in each of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Consumers in these counties approving the additional sales tax will begin paying four cents on each dollar of merchandise purchased on March 1, 1970.

These counties will be the only ones to share in the distribution of the tax revenues.

It has been estimated that Raeford and Hoke County will receive about \$162,000 if the one cent sales tax is approved in all of the 100 counties in the state.

Annual Meeting Of Farm Bureau

The Annual meeting of the Hoke County Farm Bureau will be held Monday night, October 27, at 7 p.m. at the Family Restaurant, according to J. H. Blythe, President.

A supper of Fried Chicken or Baked

Ham will be available to members and guests for \$1.00 per plate.

Guest speaker for the annual meeting will be John Moore, Superintendent of Weights and Measures in the Department of Agriculture in Raleigh.

Mrs. Lucy Smith Funeral Held At Bethel Church

Final rites for Mrs. Lucy Wilkes Smith were held Friday afternoon in services at Bethel Presbyterian Church. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Allan Smyth. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Smith had been ill for several months before her death Wednesday.

Miss Lucy was well known to many people in Hoke County and the surrounding area. She was born in the Blue Springs area of Hoke County in 1893.

She worked tirelessly for her church and community. She was a charter member of the Lumber River REA and served that organization as secretary for more than 26 years. For many years, she was in charge of the lunchroom at Hoke High School, preparing lunches for the students and for the members of the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Smith is survived by two daughters, Mrs. David Townsend, Jr., and Mrs. H. D. Burns, both of Rowland; one son, Eugene P. Smith of Havelock; and eight grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were: Julian



MRS. LUCY SMITH

Love, Berder Niven, Jeff Harris, J. H. Blythe, Billy Dalton, and Kenneth Fredrick.

Friday's Court Session Is Lengthy And Routine

Judge J.E. Dupree heard a lengthy session in District Court last Friday. Many of the cases involved assault with a deadly weapon and traffic offenses.

The following is a list of the cases, verdicts and sentences from the Friday session.

Belle Jackson Billinger, Rt. 2, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued for two years, Court reserves the right to pass final judgment anytime

during the next two years, costs.

Julius Belk, Raeford, worthless check for \$53.32 to Bobby Blanton, restitution and costs.

Donald Mitchell Anderson, Laurinburg, trespass, not guilty.

Joe Billinger, Rt. 1, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Robert Arthur Billinger, Rt. 2, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Billy Billinger, Rt. 3, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Paul Junior Billinger, Rt. 1, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Mrs. E. Monn Balance, Raeford, unsafe movement, judgement suspended, costs.

Charles Barton, Raeford, felonious larceny, state takes a nol pros with leave.

Glenn M. Chatman, Ft. Bragg, no valid operator's license, State takes a nol pros.

Myron Ford, Raeford, felonious larceny, State takes a nol pros with leave.

Johnny B. Graham, Rt. 1, Raeford, traveling at a speed greater than was reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions, \$10 and costs.

George Alfred Holt, Elizabethtown, following too closely, not guilty.

Roy Lee Harris, Rt. 3, Raeford, malicious destruction of personal property, 90 days

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