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Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The Garden Department of the Raeford Woman's Club is selling American flags according to a call from Mrs. Truman Austin. She said that the flags are 3 X 5 and with bracket sell for \$5. Mrs. Austin said that November 11 is Veterans Day and the department hoped everyone would buy a flag and display it on that day. The flags may be purchased from any member of the garden dept. or from Mrs. Austin at the A&R depot. The proceeds will be used by the ladies to complete the memorial project at the Anthony Nursing Center.

J. W. Turlington, principal at Raeford Elementary school, was in the first of the week and was telling me about his accident at the football game the other night. He said when he went to park his car that the front end slid into a ditch but before he could get out to survey the damage three high school boys picked up the front end and he backed into the road. The boys got away before he could get out of his car and thank them, Jim says "Thanks, boys."

The following letter is the second received from Debbie Anderson since she left last August for France. We think that it will be of interest to young and old.

Dear Raefordites!

I have come to believe that my travelling days full of excitement and adventure are over as of September 15th. Maybe the days of travelling are over until the end of school, but my school days are certainly filled with excitement and adventure!

School here is an entirely new and different experience. I think school sort of resembles college in the States.

Everyone starts and finishes the day at different times. There are 3 types of student at school, the interns, live at school, externs, who just come to school for classes and leave "when they get a chance" and demi - pensionnaire, these kids don't live at school but eat lunch at the school. I am a demi - pensionnaire and this way I know a little of the life for the interns as well as externs.

The kids here take a lot more subjects than I would at home, but I don't really think they learn a lot more. They go to grammar school for 6 years, and the last 6 years are spent at the high school. When a child starts to school, in the States he is in 7th grade but here, he is in the 12th class.

When they reach 6 eme class they begin their high school years. The last year of high school is the Terminal and at the end of this year, the students take a very long and hard exam on all the material they have learned in high school. This exam is called the baccalaureat.

This year I am in 7ere D Class. Each class is divided into class of A, B, C, D. When the students begin high school, they have to choose which class they want to study in. Class A has very little Math, Class B a lot of foreign language, Class C a lot of Math, and Class D a lot of Science. Once a student chooses which class, he has to always study in this class.

This year I am taking 8 subjects: French, English, History, Geography, Math, Physical Education, Art, and Music. On average I have each class about 3 times a week. During some of my free time, I go with some of the English teachers into classes to help if the teacher wants me to. Each Wednesday I help with a class of Terminals that are studying a book about the United States. I have also been in classes with the students younger than me! After one class, all the students come up to ask me questions and to shake my hand and say Goodbye. Even now, I can walk down the halls and some students that know me from this class will smile real big and say "Bonjour Mademoiselle".

There are no competitive sports between schools and I really miss this but there are a few clubs starting at school. One club that I like very much and am a member of is Dramatics. I think we are going to give two or three plays during the school year. Yes, it'll be a little hard for me to read and act in French but that will come!

School for me is finished June 27th. But I have a lot of vacations during the year.

One week in October: fifteen days for Christmas; I week in February; 15 days for Easter.

There is also more to tell but this letter has become long enough!

I like Alencon and France very, very much but you know the old saying "There is no place like home" and I know there are certainly no people like the people in my home town. Raeford U.S.A.

A bientot,
Debbie

Light Vote Expected

Hoke Voters Cast Ballots Tuesday On Local Option Sales Tax Issue

Fund Drive

Gets Underway

United Fund Campaign Chairman Avery Connell said Wednesday that this year's drive to collect \$23,075.54 was off to a fine start. "The pledge cards have been delivered and I expect for contributions to start pouring in by the end of the week", said Connell.

Connell announced that Dale Ormsby would head up the United Fund Drive in the Raeford Plant while Doug Wallace will supervise the drive in the Dyeing Plant of the Raeford Plant. Honorary Drive Chairman are Mrs. Dixie Autry and John Carter.

The complete drive organization of the Burlington plant is given in an advertisement on page 6 of Section II of this week's News - Journal.

Recreation Director W. K. Morgan said that recreation in Hoke County is dependent upon the support given by the citizens of Hoke County through the United Fund.

Recreation is budgeted again this year to receive \$5,000. The summer recreation program, the baseball programs, equipment, uniforms, insurance on the kids playing, maintenance of the fields, salaries of the director and his assistant are all paid for from the \$5,000 received from the United Fund.

Morgan said Armory Park is badly in need of additional maintenance and new lights. The lights at the park ceased to function last summer during the Slow Pitch Softball Tournament.

Morgan joined Avery Connell and other leaders of the fund drive in urging everyone in Hoke County go Give Their Fair Share to the United Fund.

Connell said that contributions can be given to him at his office on Edinborough Avenue or given to Sam Morris, United Fund Treasurer.

Again this year, Upchurch Milling Company was the first to make a United Fund Contribution during this year's drive.

Eugene W. Coen Leaving Raeford

State Highway Patrolman Eugene Coen will leave the State Highway Patrol and Raeford to take a position as Inspector for the Safety Inspection Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Coen will begin working in either Asheville or Albemarle, he doesn't yet know which, on November 1. Coen, his wife Mary Elizabeth, and their three children plan to move from Raeford sometime during the month of November.

Coen has been with the State Patrol for more than seven years and had been stationed in Raeford since January of 1964.

Gene said he and his family were leaving Raeford with mixed emotions. He is looking forward to his new job, but hates to leave Raeford. "I've enjoyed working here and plan to come back to Raeford when I retire," he stated.

Coen's resignation from the Highway Patrol will leave Hoke County with three State Patrolmen: Joe Stanley, Cliff Bennett and Frank Davenport.



UNITED FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY -- Drive Chairman Avery Connell (right) delivers United Fund pledge cards and other paraphernalia to Matt Tompkins, who is in charge of collecting the contributions from business on the west side of Raeford. Connell and Tompkins urge everyone to give their fair share, "The United Way."

New Highway Priority List No Funds For Hoke

A priority list for highway construction projects was made public Friday by the North Carolina State Highway Commission.

The priority is the basic blueprint of the long range road building plans of the Bob Scott Administration. It was based upon the recommendations from all 23 area Highway Commissioners. Hoke County has no highway construction projects on the priority list.

The projects for the Hoke - Bladen - Cumberland highway district is as follows:

Cumberland - Bladen - Relocation of N. C. 87 to provide access to the new Dupont plant. Cost estimate \$1 million.

CUMBERLAND - Construction of Owens Drive Freeway to Ft. Bragg. No cost estimate.

CUMBERLAND - Four - laning of U. S. 401 from near Methodist College north. Cost estimate \$800,000.

CUMBERLAND - State Road 1404 widening of Morganton Road from the Fayetteville city limits to N. C. 59. Cost estimate \$1,500,000.

CUMBERLAND - Four - laning of Hay Street in Fayetteville. Cost estimate \$1,000,000.

CUMBERLAND - Construction of Commercial Business District loop in

Fayetteville, from Hay Street to Ramsey Street. Cost estimate \$4,000,000.

CUMBERLAND - Four - laning of Morganton Road in Fayetteville. Cost estimate \$1,000,000.

CUMBERLAND - Widening of N. C. 24 from U. S. 301 to N. C. 53 - 210 in Fayetteville. Cost estimate \$1,200,000.

CUMBERLAND - Construction of a Commercial Business District freeway from Hay Street to Gillespie Street. Cost Estimate \$4,000,000.

As can be seen by the list of road projects and cost estimates, Bladen County got little and Hoke nothing.

Many people in Hoke County were highly irritated by the new highway construction priority list. After hearing the new District Highway Commissioner for Hoke, Cumberland and Bladen Counties, Charles R. Dawkins of Fayetteville, speak many people in Hoke County felt that he would break the long standing tradition of district highway commissioners in this district, who have made sure that their home counties received the overwhelming proportion of the highway funds.

In a conversation Tuesday, Dawkins reaffirmed that he was a District Commissioner and would continue to

work hard for the improvement of roads in all three counties in his district.

"Hoke and Bladen Counties fared just as well as Cumberland," said Dawkins. He explained that all of the road projects in Cumberland are urban road projects in Fayetteville. "The only improvements in State Roads in Cumberland are for access roads for industrial plants, and they come out of a separate fund," continued Dawkins.

When asked about the four - laning of U. S. 401, Dawkins said he would continue to push hard for the project. "There will be additions made to the project priority list in the future. I think that U. S. 401 will be on the list before I'm out of office, he stated.

As one country philosopher said, you can hollar and raise H... but you don't get your roads improved until the highway commissioner comes from your county.

Funeral For MacDonald, Educator, Held Wed.

Funeral services for Kenneth Angus MacDonald were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Raeford Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Douglas Kelly officiating. MacDonald was buried in the Raeford Cemetery.

MacDonald was born in 1893 in Hope Mills. He died Monday after suffering a heart attack.

After graduating from Davidson College, MacDonald went back to Hope Mills in 1919 as a principal. He served in that capacity until coming to Raeford to be Superintendent of Hoke County schools in 1935. He retired from his work in education in 1959.

MacDonald was an Elder in the Raeford Presbyterian Church and served as Clerk of the Session.

He was a Mason, an honorary member of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, and a former Hoke County Man of the Year.

MacDonald is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth MacDonald; one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Ingram of Faulkner, Germany; one son, Lauchlin MacDonald of Raeford; and seven grandchildren.

Palbearers for the service were: Neill

Registered voters in Hoke County will go to the polls Tuesday, November 4, to determine the fate of the One Cent Local Option Sales Tax.

The tax must be approved by each county in the state before they will be eligible for the collection and distribution of the tax revenues.

The revenues raised by the addition to sales taxes will be returned to the approving counties. Only in those counties will the taxes be collected, and they will be the only ones to share in the distribution of the revenues.

If passed, the One Cent Local Option Sales Tax would apply to the same items that are presently taxed three percent under North Carolina's Sales and Use Tax.

"The Hoke County Board of County Commissioners at a Special meeting on Monday, October 27, 1969, with all members present, unanimously voted to reduce the Ad Valorem (Property Tax Rate) by not less than ten cents (\$.10), provided the money is available, if the one - cent (\$.01) Local Option Sales Tax is passed by the voters on November 4, 1969," reads a news release from the meeting.

T. B. Lester, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, explained the tax rate would be lowered ten cents if the voters in Hoke County approve the additional one cent sales tax, regardless of how the tax fares in the other 99 county elections on the tax issue, if the money is available.

According to Lester, about \$40,000 would be needed in order to lower property taxes ten cents. The present property tax rate in Hoke County is \$1.45.

The County Commissioners have been assured by the tax study people that Hoke County will get as much money out of the distribution as is collected on sales in the County, at the very minimum, and the City and the County stand to receive as much as \$162,000 if all of the 100 counties in North Carolina vote the sales tax increase in.

The County Board of Commissioners, the City Council, and the Hoke County Board of Education have gone on record as being in favor of the passage of the One Cent Local Option Sales Tax.

It was reported last week that the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce had also voted to support the tax. Younger Sneed, President of the local organization, said Wednesday morning, "The Chamber of Commerce has taken no position on the tax issue. As an organization, we are neither in favor of nor are we opposed to the sales tax."

According to Sneed, some members favor the tax, while some are opposed.

"We don't feel that the Chamber of Commerce should endorse political issues or candidates," continued Sneed.

Elections Board Chairman J. Scott Poole expects a light turnout in Tuesday's special election. He estimated only 2,000 of Hoke's voters would go to the polls. Poole predicted that the sales tax would be defeated in Hoke County by a margin of 2 - 1.

'No Probable Cause' Found In Raeford Shooting Case

Leroy Carthan, of Route 1, Red Springs was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in District Court Friday.

He was sentenced by Judge J. E. Dupree to not less than 22 months nor more than 24 months in the Hoke County Jail, to be assigned to work under the North Carolina Board of Corrections.

Carthan was charged with assault with a deadly weapon for holding a knife to the throat of Mrs. Beatrice Osborne after knocking her to the floor in the Record Room

on Elwood Avenue, Friday afternoon, October 17.

Mrs. Lawrence Fields, owner and operator of the store, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill when she shot Carthan three times with a .22 pistol. No probable cause was found to bind her over to Superior Court.

Joe Scott, Johnny Scott, and Freddie Revels, Jr. all waived preliminary hearing for felonious larceny and were bound over to Hoke Superior Court for action by the Grand

Jury. Bond was set \$1,000 for each.

The fourth man charged in the larceny of a riding lawnmower, Danny Matthews of Yadkinville, also waived preliminary trial Friday. He was charged with felonious receiving of stolen goods.

He was bound over to Hoke Superior Court for Grand Jury action. His bond was set at \$250.

In other cases heard Friday: Glenn P. Epperson, Pine Bluff, larceny, State takes a nol pros.

Johnny Jones, Rt. 2, Raeford, no operator's license, no registration, no license plates, and resisting arrest, six months suspended for two years, two years probation, \$50 fine and costs of court.

Stoney Thompson, Carthage, non - support, six months, suspended for three years, three years probation, defendant must pay \$35 per week for the support of his children, costs of court.

Curtis Smith, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridges, no operator's license

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BE SURE TO VOTE
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 4TH



K. A. MACDONALD

McFadyen, Graham Monroe, James Wood, June Johnson, Tom McBryde, and H. R. McLean.