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## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

Last Friday morning Paul Dickson answered the phone in the office and became involved in a conversation that puzzled me. He stated that this number belonged to The News - Journal followed by a statement that it was in area code No 919. No Dr. Tangeri or Dr. Langire is not in this office. He asked the person on the other end of the line what numbers she was calling and what area code. The answer was Area Code 919 - 875 - 2121 USA. He then asked where she was calling from and the answer was Rome, Italy. Paul again explained this was a weekly newspaper office and no doctor was in the house.

We are still puzzled as to why this number was called, but the number at the Sanatorium at McCain is 875 - 2120 so maybe the caller got her fingers in the wrong hole. If a doctor at McCain got a call last week from Rome, Italy please inform this newspaper so the puzzle will be solved.

We have been to the meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club when the signals were crossed and no one would have the program, but last week something different happened. Bernard Bray had the program and scheduled Charlie Kose of Fayetteville to speak. During the eating part of the night, before the program was to start in came four girl scouts and a scout leader.

Now we don't know what the conversation was between a few Kiwanians, but anyway we had two programs. We must say that both were very interesting and didn't run us over the hour time limit.

So if any other civic club in town runs out of a program, just contact Charlie Hottel, Kiwanis club program chairman, and he will inform you on how to have two programs on the same night.

The local VFW Post is completing plans for a big celebration to take place in Raeford on May 1. We are informed that a parade will be held, along with a beauty contest, and old fashion auction sale and many other events. The proceeds will go toward a building fund for the post. Roy Jackson, post commander, is the driving force behind the celebration.

Lonnie Bledsoe, president of the local Kiwanis Club, and W. K. Morgan, physical education director at Upchurch School, are to be congratulated on getting the district and area Slow Pitch softball tournaments for Raeford. These events will be sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club and means much to the club and the City of Raeford.

More about these events later on.

## 2 Bound To Grand Jury In Monroe Murder Case

Darnell McMillan and Sidney Townsend were bound over for action by the Grand Jury by Judge Joseph Dupree in a hearing in District Court Friday on murder charges in connection with the March 1 slaying of Henry G. Monroe.

They are being held without bond. Pauline Galbreath, charged with murder and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was convicted of the lesser included charge of assault with a deadly weapon. She was sentenced to two years in women's prison, suspended for five years and five years probation. In addition, she was ordered to pay \$100 to Mrs. Geneva Townsend, wife of Sidney Townsend, for damages. No probable cause was found on the murder charge.

No probable cause was found against Sidney Townsend on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. His wife, the prosecuting witness, elected not to testify against her husband.

Notions by defense attorneys for

Townsend and McMillan to reduce the charges to second degree murder or voluntary manslaughter were denied. Judge Dupree also denied requests for bond.

Hoke County Sheriff D. M. Barrington testified that Monroe had stab wounds in his abdomen, hand, along his jaw, and wounds in the upper chest and back as well as a broken nose, blacked eyes, and bruises all over his body. Death was caused by brain hematoma, blood clots on the brain, he said.

The body was found beside the road near the Townsend house, Barrington said. He found indications of a fight inside the house with chairs overturned, a stove knocked down and blood on the bed, chair and kitchen floor, he said. There was also blood in the yard, on the road and in the sand beside the road, Barrington testified.

Mrs. Townsend, testifying with See MURDER, Page 11

## Sheriff Barrington Files; Deadline Friday At Noon



SHERIFF BARRINGTON

With the filing deadline for county offices at noon Friday, March 20, Sheriff D.M. Barrington, the last incumbent to file, this week announced his candidacy for re-election as Hoke County sheriff.

Peter Dial, Jr., of Antioch, also filed this week for the county board of commissioners. He is a teacher at Lake Waccamaw School.

Dial is opposed by the three incumbents, T.C. Jones; Ralph Barnhart and John Balfour.

Barrington, who has 14 years as a law enforcement officer, is seeking his third term as sheriff. He is completing his eighth year as Hoke sheriff.

He is president of the Hoke County Law Enforcement Officer's Association, a member of Raeford Methodist Church and a life-long resident of Hoke County.

He is married to the former Billie Skinner of Hertford and they have four children.

In announcing his candidacy. See BARRINGTON, Page 11

## First 1970 Traffic Fatalities

# Two Die From Head-On Collision

## On Monroe Friday

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### Rustling Charge Against Trio T Before Grand J

In a lengthy hearing in District Court last Friday involving five charges of larceny and conspiracy to steal cattle and hogs, Judge Dupree dismissed charges against one man and bound the others over to the Grand Jury.

No probable cause was found for charges of felonious larceny and charges of conspiracy against Dial and John Paul Jones.

They waived a hearing two days ago on charges of larceny of hogs bound over to Superior Court on a \$2500 bond.

Probable cause was found for James Jones, Lock Craig Freddie Revels, Jr. and they were bound over to the Grand Jury on a \$9,000 bond for the five charges. They waived a hearing two days ago on \$2500 bond for larceny of hogs in which they waived a hearing two days ago.

The state presented a dozen witnesses in an effort to connect the five men with the theft of cattle on two occasions from the farm of Sam and Earl Henderson, Bowmore and of hogs from Raymond Livestock Company in Antioch.

Judge Dupree publicly commended Hoke County Sheriff D. M. Barrington and his deputies for the thoroughness of their investigation.

Witnesses included livestock dealers and buyers from Benson and Siler City, a Benson bank teller and deputies James Adams and Harvey Young.

## System Starts Operation

The county's first community water system, Northwest Water Supply, Inc., began operation this week and ended for some residents of the area a lifetime of hauling or pumping it from a hand pump. "About 50 per cent of the people there either had insufficient hand pumps or else had no water supply of their own at all," Arthur B. Kemp, chairman of the non-profit corporation's board of directors said.

"For these people, the water system will make a profound change."

The rest of the houses in the section northwest of Raeford had wells and electric pumps, he said. However, the pumps were subject to freezing in winter and occasionally a well would go dry, so the system will be an improvement for houses equipped with wells, he pointed out.

The system was financed by a 40 year Farmer's Home Administration loan of \$221,700. The tank alone cost \$33,360 and the plumbing system another \$130,000. The two wells each cost \$12,000.

Now 289 families have applied for water but the system will serve more than 300, Kemp said. He emphasized that the corporation would welcome new subscribers.

The minimum water rate is \$4.50 for the first 3,000 gallons. As new subscribers are added to the system, the directors plan to reduce the rate.

A grant from Forward, Inc. installed water service lines to the front door of

209 houses in the area. The lines were installed at the homes that were owned and occupied by low-income families.

Part of the remaining homes have since put in service lines, Kemp said, and the others who want lines installed may contact the water company for assistance. The company's service manager, Willie Malloy, is qualified to install the lines, Kemp said.

The water will be given free for the first few weeks, he said. Billing will probably begin the first of April with the first bill due in May. Kemp said he expected the users to notice the different taste for awhile but as the system was used the taste would become less noticeable. Chlorine is added to the water for purity.

The company will maintain a temporary office at the Wilber Wilkerson shop next door to the Wilkerson's home until the office building at the tank site is constructed. It is scheduled to be finished in May. Office hours are 9 a. m. - 1 p. m.

The corporation is operated by the seven members of the board of directors. Besides Kemp, the others are Robert E. Fisher, president; Emmette Steele, treasurer; Mary T. Morrison, secretary; Robert L. Doby, assistant secretary; Manley Percell and Clara W. Wilkenson, board members.

Frank B. Hicks of Charlotte was engineer for the project. In a series of pre-operational conferences last week, the members of the board met with Hicks, representatives of the contractors, Jack

Caniff, FHA engineer, Robert P. Moore, FHA district supervisor John W. Moore, accountant for the corporation and Vinson, Hoke County FHA manager.

After the system was completed, water pressure had to be pumped up and maintained at a high pressure to check for leaks. Breaks in the system caused by putting the system into operation. Then the water had to be chlorinated for two days, flushed through the lines.

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## City Grants \$150,000 To Finish Sewer Work

A 90-day extension for completion of the waste treatment project was granted by the city council in a called meeting March 9.

The council met with representatives of Moore - Gardner, city engineers, and the contractors, Republic Contractors and Vick Brothers Electric Company. The deadline, which was set for March 12, was

extended to allow for final adjustments and finishing details, City Manager John Gaddy said.

The council also agreed to install a variable speed sewer pump at a cost of \$11,288. Gaddy said the expected savings on electricity and maintenance would offset the higher initial cost.

## Open House Monday At South Hoke School

South Hoke School will hold its annual open house for parents March 23 from 7:30 to 9 p. m., Earl Oxendine, principal, announced.

The teachers will be in the classrooms to talk with interested parents. Parents of children who will be at the school next year are issued a special invitation.

## Senator John T. Henley Announces For Reelection

John T. Henley, who has served six terms in the General Assembly as a member of both the House and Senate, announced today that he is a candidate for re-election to the North Carolina Senate, subject to the Democratic Primary May 2, 1970.

In announcing, Henley stated, "One of the greatest privileges I have ever had was to represent the people of Hoke and Cumberland counties. I have always, to the best of my ability, voted my sincere convictions and at the same time, listened to the citizens of the district on all matters and thereby transmitting this with all consideration before the General Assembly. I am very proud of the growth and progress that we have made in our area. I realize that growth demands more governmental services and I hope I can have a part in providing these services. If privileged to serve again, I shall always remember that we live in a democratic



SENATOR HENLEY



WATER, WATER - Construction workers test the fire hydrants and bleed the water lines for air in the finishing touches to the Northwest Water Supply system that began operation this week northwest of Raeford.

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