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## Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

We would like to remind everyone to vote in the second primary Saturday. One of your rights is to vote for the person of your choice. Do so and then criticize the results you receive from your elected officials if they need it, if you don't vote, please remain as silent afterwards as you did on the day of the primary.

As was stated in this column last week precinct meetings for the Democratic Party will be held at the polling places at one p.m. on Saturday, June 6. The county convention will be held on Saturday, June 20 at one p.m. at the courthouse. Please mark these two meeting dates on your calendar.

During these time of re-runs on television, if you find time on your hands, take a trip out to Armory Park and watch the softball games. The league this year is composed of eight teams and the teams as entered in the league must stay together for tournament play. The results and standings are on the sports page of this issue, so look them over and pick your team.

Even if you don't like softball, the comments from the pro-like fans will keep you entertained for the evening. You can't beat the admission prices during this time of inflation. The admission is FREE.

Be sure to look at our Graduation Sections in this issue of The News-Journal. It is the largest we have printed and we express appreciation to the merchants, school officials and others for help in bringing this feature to you.

We also express Congratulations to the Senior Class of 1970 at Hoke County High School.

A telephone call Monday came as a surprise to me. It was from Mrs. Rena Smith who is now at home after many months in the hospital. She states that she can't get around much at this time, but hopes to be up and around before too long. Mrs. Smith seemed in good spirits and was overjoyed from the cards, letters and flowers she had received since she has been under the weather. She said these cards not only came from close friends, but from people in all walks of life that she came in contact with as she worked for the Employment Security Commission. Rena recalled cards from people that she had given a piece of her mind for coming to her house late at night or calling her on the phone to find out what happened to a check they should have received that day. She said that she now had a different view towards all mankind.

She gave me the following message for all her friends:  
"I am a stranger and you took men in. It took 35 years of hard work, a broken hip and a cripple to make me realize I was a rich and beloved woman in Hoke County. I don't know how to thank you but will just say I love you."

Hurry and get well Mrs. Rena Smith we want to see you in your changed personality even though we thought you were tops the way you have been for many years.

A card was received Tuesday from Israel and Ruth Mann who are touring the old country. It is as follows:

"Ruth and myself are having a wonderful time touring Europe. We are in Rome and we are doing like the Romans, with all our traveling everything is wonderful. But give us U.S.A. and good old Raeford."

## Colleges Award \$92,548 With More To Come

Graduating seniors have received \$92,548 in scholarships from colleges and universities, with only about two-thirds of the expected grants awarded.

Many scholarships will not be awarded until this summer. Hoke High counselor Mrs. Rose Brown said, so the figure will probably be higher by the start of next fall. Several local scholarships have not been awarded yet.

The scholarship money includes a combination of educational opportunity grants, loans, work-study, vocational rehabilitation and scholarships.

As of now, 105 students out of a graduating class of 220 plan to continue their education, Mrs. Brown said. Fifty-six plan to enter four-year colleges and universities; 17 will go to community colleges; four are enrolled in business

## Five Arrested For Larceny At Drive-In

Five Ft. Bragg soldiers, said to be members of the Fayetteville gang, The Family, were arrested last week in connection with a break-in and theft at Virgil's Drive-In on U.S. 401 By-pass.

The break-in occurred about 2:30 a.m. on May 18. A total of \$106 from the cigarette machine and other machines was reported stolen. Also missing were packages of cigarette, meats, and other food items.

Four of the men were arrested at a home in Cumberland County and charged with breaking, entering and larceny and receiving stolen goods. A fifth man was arrested later at Ft. Bragg.

They are identified as Gary McDonald, Troy Hatchett, Ralph Couch, Ralph Hust and Klaus Eric Kolp, all stationed at Ft. Bragg.

A hearing was continued this week in District Court at the request of the public defender. It was reset for June 5. Bond had been originally set at \$1500 but was reduced by Judge Joseph Dupree to \$500 each.

McDonald, Hatchett and Hust are free on bond awaiting the hearing. Couch and Kolp failed to post a bond and are being held in Hoke County jail.

Several members of The Family were recently arrested in Fayetteville on a kidnaping charge. The gang is said to include both civilians and soldiers stationed at Ft. Bragg.

The break-in was investigated by Deputy Harvey Young, who made the arrests.

## Club Collects Kid's Clothes

The annual clothing drive sponsored by Raeford's Woman's Club will begin June 8, with a collection point set up at J. W. McLaughlin School.

The club, which usually holds the clothes collection in the fall, is collecting clean, sized, usable clothing to distribute to needy school children next school year.

The senior citizens clubs and the extension homemaker's clubs are also co-operating in the drive. The senior citizen's club members will mend clothes or make new clothes from material if these are set aside in a separate bag marked "needs mending."

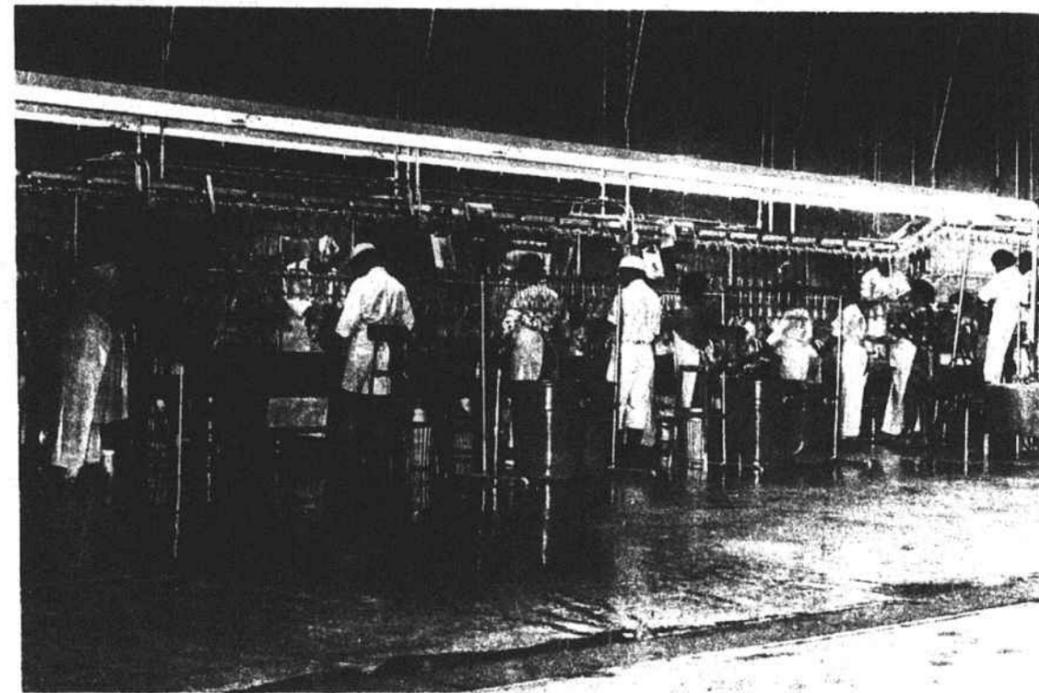
Items needed include boys and girls clothing sized 4 through high school sizes; socks, including long girls' socks and mismatched socks; good underwear for all ages; sturdy shoes, especially canvas ones; cloth and remnants that can be used for making new dresses; patterns, trims and thread; coats and sweaters.

The clothing will be collected at the school any morning after June 8. The school room nearest the jail facing Stewart Street has been set aside as a collection point.

## Post Office Closed Sat

The Post Office will be closed all day Saturday in observance of Memorial Day, a federal holiday. Both banks and local businesses will remain open.

## 160 Employed New Poultry Processing Plant Opened Near Lumber Bridge



FROM FARM TO TABLE - This is the main processing line where the chickens are cleaned, the giblets processed and wrapped and the whole chicken inspected and given final processing before being packed by weight in iced crates.

Polls Open 6:30 A.M. To 6:30 P.M.

## Second Primary Saturday Light Turnout Expected

Three seats in the House of Representatives for the 24th District will be decided Saturday in a run-off vote between four candidates.

Roger Hall, Robeson County farmer and business man, called for a second primary to fill the three remaining seats in the district after Gus Spero, incumbent from Robeson County, was

## Mary Nell Harward Receives Scholarship



MARY NELL HARWARD

Mary Nell Harward has been awarded a scholarship as a prospective teacher to the mentally retarded.

The grant is one of 20 given in the state by the State Department of Public Instruction and it is the first one ever awarded to a Hoke County student, guidance counselor Mrs. Alvin Brown said.

The scholarship totals \$900 a year and is renewable for four years of study.

Mary Nell plans to enter Appalachian State University at Boone next fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashwell Harward of Raeford.

## We'll Post Primary Vote

Election returns will be posted at The News-Journal Saturday night as the results come in from the precincts.

elected with a majority in the first primary May 2.

Only 41 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls in the first primary.

Hall placed seventh in the voting but had the necessary number of votes to call for a run-off. R.L. Campbell and D.J. Sinclair, Jr., who placed fifth and sixth declined to run in the second primary.

On the ballot besides Hall will be Rep. Neill McFadyen, incumbent from Hoke, who lacked only 28 votes for a majority in the first primary; Mrs. Mary Odom, of Scotland, and Joy J. Johnson of Robeson.

Mrs. Odom, a Wagram school teacher, who is waging her first political battle, was the only woman among the ten candidates to seek office in the first primary. Johnson, a minister and former vice-chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Executive Committee, was the only Negro in the race.

Hall is trying for his first full term in the House. He was appointed last fall to fill an unexpired term of R.D. McMillan, Jr.

McFadyen has served in the House since 1961. He is seeking his sixth term.

## Medical Fund Started For Carolyn Bullard

A fund to help meet hospital expenses has been started by friends for Carolyn Bullard, Hoke High tenth grader who lost her scalp in a pulpwood loader accident two weeks ago.

Carolyn, 16, lost her hair and scalp when her long hair became entangled around the drive shaft of a pulpwood loader. Her scalp was recovered from the machine and sutured back into place at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

She is reported there to be in good condition but she is expected to remain in the hospital for several more weeks.

Carolyn, one of seven children, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bullard of Rt. 3, Raeford.

Contributions may be mailed to Hoke County High School, principal Raz Autry said. Some of the school clubs have contributed to the fund.

## COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

AT HOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Baccalaureate Sermon

Sunday, May 31, 8 p.m.

Awards Day

Wednesday, June 3, 9 a.m.

Graduation

Wednesday, June 3, 8 p.m.

The Lumbee Farms poultry processing plant opened in Lumber Bridge Thursday with 160 new employees and a planned production rate of 6,000 chickens an hour.

Only the plant manager, Ray Holyfield, and the plant supervisor, Lewis Holder have ever worked in a poultry processing plant. Peggy Thompson Holyfield's secretary who gave a guided tour of the new plant, said.

Holyfield, who now lives with his family in Raeford, came to Lumbee Farms from Salisbury, Md., where he worked for a poultry processing plant.

Holder came to the new plant from Cummings, Ga.

The plant will process 6,000 chickens an hour when the full production schedule planned for the present is reached, Mrs. Thompson said. The plant has a capacity to process 12,000 chickens an hour.

Only whole, Grade A chickens are processed now, she said, but facilities have been built to process cut-up chickens parts and to provide special order services such as chickens for the fried chicken chain restaurants.

Lumbee Farms, which is just inside Robeson County, is a large white building set back from the Red Springs road out of Lumber Bridge.

Chickens are trucked into the plant in crates and taken directly to the room in which they are killed by a machine and hung into a conveyor line that takes them into a second section of the plant.

There they go through a scalding machine and then to another machine where they are singed. From there, they go to a series of plucking machines from which they emerge plucked clean of even the smallest pin-feather. Several workers check them at this point to see that all feathers are removed. Any bad chickens are also removed here.

The feet are removed by a machine that cuts right at the joint and the chickens are hung on another conveyor line to travel to the main portion of the plant.

In this part, they are cleaned, inspected several times again and the giblets are processed and packed to be stuffed into the chicken at the end of processing.

A federal inspector checks each bird for signs of disease or contamination and orders the substandard parts or chickens discarded. The chickens are also inspected several more times by company inspectors.

As the chickens are processed and given a final inspection, they then go into cooler vats to be chilled in successive tanks until they are below 40 degrees.

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After they are chilled, they are again hung on conveyor lines to be stuffed with the wrapped giblets, weighed and packed by weight into boxes where the cartons are iced and sent to the cooling room until they are loaded into refrigerated trucks for shipping.

Lumbee Farms does not pack any of the chickens for sale, however. They are then sold to packers and will eventually reach the food store with another brand name on them, Mrs. Thompson said.

In the first week's operation, the plant has not reached full 6,000 an hour production, however the new employees are working swiftly and smoothly, she said.

The plant will not be able to hire workers for summer jobs this year, she said, although they have had a number of inquiries from students.

Lumbee Farms Co-Op Inc. is owned by a group of five businessmen. They are Tom Cameron of Raeford, Carl McDuffy of Wake Farmers Co-Op in Raleigh, Jake Aycock of Aycock Milling Company in Wallace, Ralph McFadyen of Ellerbe Poultry Company in Ellerbe and Jimmy Hancock of Hancock and Sons Milling Company in Pittsboro.

Besides Holyfield and Holder, other plant officials include Danny Hales, office manager and John Horne of Raeford, sales manager.

## Upchurch To Graduate 420

A total of 420 students will receive diplomas at eighth grade graduation exercises to be held June 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the Upchurch Junior High School auditorium.

D.D. Abernethy, superintendent of Hoke County schools, will be the guest speaker.

The diplomas will be awarded by L.W. Bledsoe, W.H. Rice and W.K. Morgan.

The student's parents and friends are invited to attend the ceremonies.