

Braves Beat Carter's Tire

The Raeford Braves defeated Carter's Tire 10-6 last Thursday for Carter's first loss of the season in the Slow-pitch Softball League.

Carter's Tire still leads the league with an 8-1 record while three teams are tied for second place with 6-3 records.

Raeford Braves, Bargain Motors and Presbyterians are tied with a 6-6 average for second place after Tuesday night's play.

Scores for the game played Thursday and Friday are unavailable this week.

Thursday night: Raeford Braves - 10
Carter's Tire - 6
Bargain Motors defeated Hoke Concrete and Presbyterians beat Piney Grove.

On Friday night Raeford Braves beat Piney Grove 14 to 10 and House of Raeford defeated Tex-Elastic.

The results of Tuesday night's play are:

Raeford Braves - 9
House of Raeford - 7
Presbyterians - 5
Bargain Motors - 1
Carter's Tire - 14
Tex-Elastic - 9

The league standings are:

Carter's Tire	8-1	888
Bargain Motors	6-3	666
Presbyterian	6-3	666
Raeford Braves	6-3	666
Hoke Concrete	4-4	500
House of Raeford	4-5	444
Piney Grove	1-7	125
Tex-Elastic	0-9	000

Scholarships Given Graduation Night

Three high school students received scholarships at graduation ceremonies June 3.

Edward McPhatter was awarded a \$6,000 scholarship by Southern National Bank. Joe Sandlin made the award.

Doris Jean Dew was presented the W.T. Gibson scholarship by Robert Gatlin.

Allen Wood received the William Randolph Hurst award for \$1,000 which was presented by Gerald Maynor.

Hoke High students have received more than \$92,000 in awards, scholarships and grants and more are expected to be presented during the summer.

Counties Troubled By Rising Welfare Costs

The rising number of public assistance recipients and increased medical costs under Medicaid have caused a financial crisis in some of North Carolina's 100 county departments of social services.

The State Department of Social Services, based on estimates of expenditures from now through June 30, announced today in Raleigh that 28 county departments of social services will probably deplete their appropriated funds before the fiscal year ends.

A few counties have already notified the State Department of Social Services that they have insufficient funds to pay for their current social services expenditures and have no other county funds available for this purpose for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Hoke County will be able to stay within the amount appropriated for this year, county manager T.B. Lester said.

"For awhile it looked like we might not make it," he said, "but we have enough in the social services budget to meet expenses."

Clifton M. Craig, N.C. Commissioner of Social Services, announced in Raleigh today that if the counties are unable to supply their share of non-Federal funds required, the State will have insufficient funds to pay the medical costs of patients who are already receiving medical services in these counties.

The medical services payment to be made around June 10 will be mostly for services rendered these patients in April by nursing homes, physicians, dentists, pharmacies and other medical providers.

Under the present social services system in this State, the Federal government pays the largest share of the costs. The State and counties share the remainder. State law requires that counties supply their share of the funds.

A court case is still pending against Jones County which refused to appropriate its budgetary share for this fiscal year.

The other 27 counties who are in financial difficulties at present appropriated their estimated share, but the rising number of public assistance recipients and medical costs could not be anticipated.

This is the second time this year that the rising number of recipients has created a financial crisis. Recipients in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program had to take a cut in payments in January due to insufficient funds. The State and the counties were able to secure additional funds and the cuts were restored in the February checks.

While it is estimated that 28 counties will have insufficient funds, many of the other county departments of social services will probably have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

Schools Commended For Beautification

Three county schools have been named local winners in the state-wide school beautification program, state school superintendent Craig Phillips announced this week.

West Hoke Elementary, Upchurch Junior High and Hoke High were selected as county winners in the contest that was organized in conjunction with the Governor's Beautification Committee.

More than 450 schools in 109 local educational units participated in the beautification program. Awards are being presented on a local, regional and state basis. First place state winner is Bowman High School in Anson County.

With Our Service Personnel



Airman George W. McLaughlin Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. McLaughlin Sr., of 104 Kinney St., Red Springs, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training in the civil engineering mechanical and electrical field. Airman McLaughlin is a 1968 graduate of Peterson High School.

Airman First Class James F. Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Fowler of 701 W. 23rd St., Lumberton, is a member of a unit that has earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with combat "V" device.

The 366th Tactical Fighter Wing at Da Nang AB, Vietnam, was cited for exceptionally meritorious service from April 1, 1968 to July 31, 1969 during military operations against enemy forces in pioneering operational techniques that produced beneficial changes to the tactical air structure.

Airman Fowler, a weapons mechanic in the 366th, will wear a distinctive service ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The organization is a part of Pacific Air Forces, headquarters for air operations in Southeast Asia, the Far East and the Pacific area.

The airman, a 1966 graduate of Lumberton High School, attended Western Carolina University, Cullowhee. His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Holland of 86 Wesley St., Canton.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Roscoe Jackson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. SP

Deaths And Funerals

Roscoe Jackson Buried June 1

Funeral services for Roscoe Jackson of Lumber Bridge were held June 1 at Ephesus Baptist Church near Rockfish by the Revs. T.J. Faulk and Jake Gurley, with burial at the church cemetery.

Jackson, a 55-year-old merchant, died Memorial Day.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Mae Jackson; four daughters, Mrs. Ellen Dew of Fayetteville, Mrs. Carol Hagins of Decatur Ga., Misses Tondea Amega and Gena Mishelle Jackson of Lumber Bridge; a son, William Roscoe Jackson of Raeford; his father, Luther Jackson of Lumber Bridge; three sisters, Mrs. Hunter Carroll of Raeford, Mrs. Richard E. Smith of Greensboro and Mrs. Dennis Koonce of Fayetteville; five brothers C.E. and Luther Jr. of Raeford, Janette of Lumber Bridge, Coy of Red Springs and Currie Jackson of Fayetteville; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Taylor Buried Sat.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Kate Taylor were held last Saturday at First Baptist Church by the Revs. John Glenn and Jack Mansfield. Burial was at the Highland Biblical Gardens.

Mrs. Taylor, who was 74, died June 2.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Daisy Harrell and Mrs. Minnie Harrell of Raeford, Mrs. Nellie Evans of Waynesboro, Mo., and Mrs. M.O. Sherfey of Pamoona, Calif.; a brother, Alex Fisher of St. Pauls; 21 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Walters Buried Sat.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Tapp Walters of Rt. 2, Vass were held Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church by the Rev. Clarence Gunter. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Walters, who was 76, died Thursday morning.

She is survived by her husband, Hinson Walters; one brother, William H. Tapp of Raeford and three sisters, Mrs. Ida T. Wright, Mrs. Mary Helton and Mrs. Loyd Stinchcomb of Black Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters were originally from Raeford.

Social Security News

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What is the retirement age as far as Social Security is concerned? There is some confusion concerning this matter. In the past, when I have spoken to high school classes - these students were supposed to be in the know - they were uncertain as well. Actually, there is room for confusion as the retirement age is anywhere from age 62 up to age 65.

At the present time, both men and women may receive Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62. However, the retiree who chooses to receive benefits when he reaches age 62, received a reduced benefit. The reduction factor is five-ninths of one percent for each month that the individual is under age 65. This means that if a retirement benefit is received beginning with the month in which age 62 is reached, 80 percent of the age 65 payment is received. As an example, if

the age 65 payment were \$100 monthly, \$80 monthly would be received at age 62. Bear in mind that it is not a choice between retiring at age 62 or age 65. The retiree may receive benefits at any time he chooses between the ages of 62 and 65. The closer he is to age 65 when he retires, the larger will be his benefit payment.

This brings up the question, "It is to my advantage or not to retire early?" Overall, this is not an easy question to answer, as one must consider the state of one's health, the availability of work, how this will affect a company retirement plan and so forth. Strictly considering the amount of money that may be received from Social Security, the rule is that anyone who retires at age 62 will be ahead money-wise unless he were certain he would live past age 77. I have used "he" but this rule applies to both male and female workers. Another way of saying this is that if the person who planned to retire were certain of living past age 77, that person would be ahead money-wise to wait until age 65 were reached to retire.

Any reader who has a question about this particular matter or any other matter relating to Social Security, please call us in Fayetteville at 483-2661, or come visit us at our district office in Room 142, Federal Building, 301 Green Street in Fayetteville.

Sandhills Joins Sports Conference

Jim Reid, director of athletics at Sandhills Community College, has announced that the college has been accepted into the Cavalier-Tarheel Athletic Conference and will begin sports competition in the new conference in September.

Sandhills has been a charter member of the North Carolina Community College Conference, and Spartan teams have twice won the state title in golf and cross country and for two years were runners-up for the basketball title.

Millions of Americans have high blood pressure. Most of them are getting along well on drugs and diet changes recommended by a physician.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER - Dr. English Jones, president of Pembroke State University, addresses the class of 1970 at commencement exercises June 3.

Seniors Honored At Breakfast By Future Teachers Faculty

The 1970 graduating class was honored by the faculty and F.T.A. at a breakfast, June 3, at seven-fifteen. The breakfast was served buffet style in the Gibson gymnasium.

The walls of the gymnasium were decorated with "Congratulations, Seniors" and carried the graduation motif as well.

Campers May Register At City Hall Monday

Registration for the Girl Scout Day Camp will be held Monday from 1-3 p.m. at City Hall for girls ages 7 to 17 who have not already registered.

Market Hog Event Slated At Kinston

The quality of Tar Heel hogs will be represented at Kinston, Thursday, June 18, at the 16th annual North Carolina Market Hog Show and Sale.

"This event is regarded as a showcase for our market hog industry," said Dr. J.R. Jones, extension specialist at North Carolina State University and chairman of the show and sale. "We have made considerable improvement in pork production in North Carolina and it always shows up at the market show and sale."

The event, which is limited to North Carolina entries, is sponsored by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, N.C. Department of Agriculture, N.C. Pork Producers Association and the Kinston Chamber of Commerce.

There will be 10 prizes offered in each of five divisions that will be judged at the Lenoir County Livestock Arena. A special trophy, the Jack Kelley Memorial Award, will be given for the grand champion carcass. This animal will come from entries that are judged on foot, slaughtered and judged as carcasses.

Both purebred and crossbred hogs will be judged. Weighing and penning will be done from 6:30 to 11:30 Thursday morning. The hoof carcass class will be judged at 1 p.m. The open show is scheduled at 2 p.m.

The Pork Producers Association will host a pork chop supper at 6:15. This will be followed by a market hog grading demonstration and sale of all entries.

The judge will be Dr. Robert W. Seerley, University of Georgia.

The state show and sale is supported by state Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted Swine and Yorkshire breed associations and Frosty Morn Meats of Kinston, Daily-Herring Co. of Kinston, F.C.N. of Raleigh and Engineered Farm Systems of Raleigh.

School Dates Announced

- June 15 - Summer programs
- July 24 - Summer programs
- Aug. 24 - Teachers first day
- Aug. 25 - Pupil registration
- Aug. 26 - First regular school day
- Sept. 7 - Labor Day
- Sept. 28 - End 1st month
- Oct. 13 - NCEA meeting - 1st day
- Oct. 22 - End 2nd month
- Nov. 10 - End 3rd month
- Nov. 26-27 - Thanksgiving
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 - Christmas
- Jan. 4 - End 4th month
- Jan. 20 - Parent-teacher, (ages 1-5 school)
- Feb. 2 - End 5th month
- March 2 - End 6th month
- March 30 - End 7th month
- April 8-13 - Easter vacation
- May 4 - End 8th month
- May 31 - End 9th month
- June 2 - Last day for school

Tips For Care Of Home Canners

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- 2. Wash jars with water. Gardens
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