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Million Dollar Rain Falls On County In Time To Avert Major Crop Disaster

Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

The members of the Raeford Presbyterian Church had a picnic on the grounds Sunday welcoming the new minister, the Rev. John C. Ropp and saying goodbye to the Rev. Douglas Kelly, who is leaving soon for Scotland. The tables were loaded with food and the fellowship was at the highest peak, but for once everyone wanted the picnic to come to an end. This is the first picnic we have attended where everyone was hoping the clouds would burst forth with rain even before the eating started. We believe everyone was served before the rain came but we doubt anyone had time to go back for seconds. This was one time that Presbyterians wanted water more than food.

One church member said that, "we got a new preacher and he bought us rain the first Sunday." If the Rev. Mr. Ropp can continue in this way his ministry at the Raeford Presbyterian Church should be very successful. We are happy to welcome the family into the community and regret to say farewell to the Rev. Mr. Kelly.

The Hoke County Democratic Convention last Saturday in the Courthouse was well attended. All business was handled in an orderly manner and the new plans of organization were carried out. The voting on the different office holders was very close in several instances. But this is always good for any organization as long as harmony is there after the meeting. We believe this was the case last Saturday.

The letter printed below was received this week from Mrs. Lucy G. Peebles by Paul Dickson and myself. After reading the letter we feel that it contains information that most of our readers would be interested in, so it follows:

Dear Paul and Sam,
It has been my intention for a long time to say that I am still enjoying The News-Journal and that I think you are putting out a very good paper. Laurie Telfair seems to have both the ability and energy to get the job done. Ann Webb also is evidently doing a great job in advertising.

You may be interested to know that I saw Lib Floyd and heard indirectly from Jim Taylor, recently. While returning from Wilmington a couple of weeks ago, I came by Rose Hill to see Lib and Billy. They are both fine and Sharon is growing like Topsy. Lib, working for a lawyer, now has that part time job she has always wished for.

Returning from a Virginia Mountain trip last week, I stopped to speak to Jim but learned that he is no longer with the Rocky Mount, Va., paper. In fact, he has worked at Stuart, Va., since then and the editor with whom I talked thought he had left there also.

Although one thing or another has kept me busy, I have missed the Raeford and Parkton people terribly. There is a shortage of friendliness in a larger town, you know. My advantages along this line would be much greater in Raeford. I could run to Wendell Young to learn what to do about feeding my dying fescue grass or how to cure rose bushes of mold; and how I wished to be near Jo Hall when I was trying to make draperies.

Please give my regards to my former fellow workers at The News-Journal and to the people at the offices of the town, the county, the clerk of court, the sheriff, the farm and home agents, and to the school officials. I am eternally grateful to them for their constant cooperation while I was in Raeford. Also remember me to my friends in the Woman's Club.

Sincerely,
Lucy Gray

\$4.5 Million In Summer Bonuses For Burlington Workers

Vacation bonuses totaling more than \$4.5 million are being paid to Burlington Industries' wage employees during the summer vacation season.

Charles A. McLendon, Burlington vice president for personnel, said vacation pay is given to the Company's employees this summer to coincide with manufacturing plant vacations. These payments are in addition to over \$3-1/2 million in bonuses paid last December.

The local Burlington plants will close for one week's vacation beginning

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Census Count Criticized

Criticism of the census in the county continues amid plans by the census office to double check the count here and confusion over the methods to be used for checking.

According to press releases from the census office, the count will be checked using postal cards which were collected when the form was picked up by the enumerator. These will be checked against the address list by the post office.

However, in Hoke County, only the addresses within the city delivery system are being checked, according to the postmaster, Charles Morrison.

This leaves out the majority of the county that is not included in the city delivery system.

Preliminary figures announced last week list Hoke County's population at 16,246 - 110 persons less than the census of 1960.

Census crew leader Mrs. James Nixon, who worked in Hoke County until four weeks before the end of the census here, said this week, "The census is not

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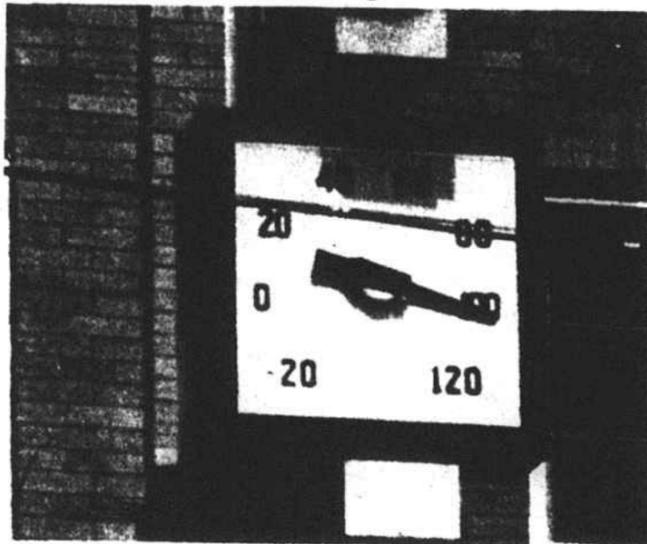
District Demo Convention Sat.

The District Democratic Convention will be held Saturday in the Superior Courtroom of the Cumberland County Courthouse in Fayetteville, Sam C. Morris, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee here announced. The meeting will convene at 1 p.m.

Antioch Child Killed By Car Last Week

Four-year-old William Julius Locklear died last week after being hit by a car as he was crossing Highway 211. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Locklear of Antioch.

The little boy had crossed the highway by his home to go to the mailbox beside Bullard's Service Station at Antioch, Highway patrolman E.W. Coen said. After looking for the mail, he ran back across the highway and into the path of a car driven by William George Winburn, 17, of Shannon.



100 PLUS -- The welcome rain brought temperatures down from above the hundred mark last week when the thermometer at a local bank registered above 100 degrees on Thursday and Friday. This photo was taken at 5 p.m. Friday. Almost four inches of rain fell in some parts of the county Sunday and Monday and all sections received an estimated inch and a half.

Bullard Loses Eye In Truck Accident

James Bullard of Rt. 3, Raeford, lost his left eye in an accident on his pulpwood truck Monday.

His daughter, Carolyn, was scalped seven weeks ago when her long hair became wrapped around the drive shaft of the same pulpwood loading truck.

Bullard was operated on Monday afternoon at Cape Fear Valley Hospital for removal of his left eye.

His eye and part of the socket was

crushed when a cable on the truck snapped and swung whiplash fashion into the truck cab, striking him in the left eye.

Bullard said he had just delivered a load of pulpwood to a nearby wood yard and was driving into his yard for lunch when the cable on the back of the truck apparently became caught under a wheel.

The cable snapped and one end flew around into the cab of the truck, striking Bullard.

Carolyn, a Hoke High tenth-grader, is still in the hospital undergoing a series of skin grafts to restore her scalp. Skin was taken from her legs for the grafts.

Her father was admitted to room 369, three doors from Carolyn's room.

Harward Leaving Raeford Allgood Named To Post

Ashwell Harward will leave Raeford to become personnel manager for the Lexington Worsted Plant of Burlington Industries, it was announced this week.

Larry Allgood, personnel manager at the Lexington plant, will succeed Harward here in Raeford.

Harward has served as personnel manager at Raeford since 1962. He is a native of Chapel Hill and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel

Hill. He joined Burlington in 1946 at the company's Carrboro plant, transferred to Raeford in 1958 as assistant personnel manager, later served two years as personnel manager at the division's Drakes Branch, Va. plant and returned to Raeford as personnel manager in 1962.

He has been active in community affairs for a number of years. He was president of the Charlotte County, Va. Chamber of Commerce and served as director of the United Fund there.

While in Raeford, Harward has been a leader in many community activities. He has served as vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce for several terms and served one year as director and one year as campaign chairman for the county United Fund.

He has been president of the Booster Club and has sold advertising for the football programs each year.

Harward has been active in the Boy Scouts and is a deacon and Sunday School superintendent in the Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Lions Club and the Masons.

Mrs. Harward is the former Eleanor Williams, a native of Carrboro. They have two children.

This is Allgood's second assignment in Raeford. He served as personnel manager for the Dyeing Plant before being promoted to personnel manager at Lexington in 1968. Earlier he had served at Halifax, Va.

A native of Laurinburg, he graduated

from Wake Forest University in 1962. He spent two years with the U.S. Signal Corps and joined Burlington in June, 1965 at Halifax. He is Chairman of the Davidson County High School Textile Program and vice president of the Lexington Personnel Association.

He is married to the former Ann Grubbs, also a native of Laurinburg, and they have one child, they have been members of the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington.



Larry Allgood

County Wants Census Forms

Does anyone have any census forms that were not picked up by a census enumerator? If so, the county would like to know about it.

Census forms may be brought to the tax auditor's office of the county courthouse and they will be turned over to census officials, county manager T. B. Lester said.

Johnson Store Purchased By Heilig-Meyers

Johnson's Store on South Main Street has been purchased by Heilig-Meyers Furniture, who recently bought Home Furniture Store on Harris Avenue.

The furniture chain plans to combine both the Harris Avenue store and the South Main Street Store into one furniture showplace, Hyman Meyers, president of Heilig-Meyers announced. The connecting of the two buildings, remodeling and redecoration will begin immediately.

"This will give us approximately 18,300 square feet of display area", said Meyers. "It will enable us to add a wide spectrum of famous name home furnishing in a selection of styles and periods that will appeal to every taste and every budget."

The manager of the combined store is Elmer R. Parnell, who managed the former Home Furniture Store for the past 18 years.

Meyers commented that "the expansion of our Raeford store is another step forward in the overall expansion program of our company. We have great faith in the growth potential of North Carolina and especially in the Raeford area."

The Heilig-Meyers Company recently merged with the Thornton Furniture Store in Suffolk, Va. and now operates 30 stores in North Carolina and Virginia.

Comes Too Late To Save Some Corn

A rain that totaled almost four inches in some sections of the county Sunday and Monday broke the two month drought in time to save much of the crops here.

"It was a million dollar rain," Talmadge Baker, assistant farm agent, said. "In some instances, it may have come too late, but for others it was a life-saver. I'd say it was very beneficial on the whole."

T. J. Harris, a farmer in the Bowmore section, measured three and nine-tenths inches of rain last Sunday and Monday. Prior to that, only two and two-tenths inches had fallen in that section since the first of May, he said.

Nine-tenths of an inch fell in Raeford Sunday, according to Robert Gatlin. An estimated inch and a half fell here Monday. Some hail was reported around Blue Springs on Sunday and Ken McNeill said some of his tobacco there was damaged by hail.

Report on the damage to crops caused by the dry, hot weather vary.

Richard Neely, who farms in the Wayside section, said he was plowing up his corn crop there. Harris estimates that the corn he will make about 50 per cent of his corn crop and 80 to 90 percent of tobacco.

McNeill said that corn planted in light land is already gone but that corn on good land should make 50 to 80 per cent. His tobacco has not been hurt, he said, but it will be thick, this year, which will make it less desirable for cigarette tobacco.

Soybeans and cotton have not been hurt by the drought, they said.

It was, however, the brink of disaster for every thing, McNeill said.

"Three or four more days with that heat and no rain would have told a different story," he said.

In some sections of the county, the rains didn't come until Monday afternoon. Monday brought the first rain to Ashley Heights and Wayside. Rain was sparse on Sunday at Five Points and Antioch, the county agent's office reported.

Raeford residents also felt the effects of the dry weather. The increased use of

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Morris Reelected Chairman At Democratic Convention

Sam C. Morris was elected by acclamation for his seventh term as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee at the County Democratic

Convention last Saturday.

Under the new rules of party organization which limit a county executive committee chairman to two consecutive terms, he will not be eligible to succeed himself after this term.

A large crowd of Democrats gathered at the convention to select party officers and delegates to several committees and conventions. Representative Neill McFadyen opened the convention and gave the invocation.

Morris was elected as permanent chairman of the convention and Mrs. Clayton Buoyer was elected convention secretary.

Following that, a roll of precincts was given with all precincts reporting. Chairman Morris explained that voting for officers and delegates would be done by precinct delegates with each precinct having the number of votes proportionate to the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election from that precinct.

Judge Joseph Dupree of Raeford Two nominated Morris for chairman of the executive committee and J.D. McMillian of Raeford One seconded the nomination. After a roll call of the precincts in which there were no other nominations, Morris was elected by acclamation.

Mrs. T.J. Harris was elected first vice-chairman of the executive committee. Also elected were Mrs. Viola Davis, second vice-chairman and Miss Jean Matherly, third vice-chairman.

Woman Charged In Fracas

Mrs. Leola Faircloth is charged with assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a gun after officers said she snatched the pistol from a policeman and held it on him at the county jail Sunday morning.

Mrs. Faircloth had been arrested for driving under the influence and was taken to the jail, Police chief L.W. Stanton said. While officers were writing up the charge, she took the pistol from G.G. Faircloth's holster.

Herbert Poiston, who was on duty at the jail, grabbed the gun from her, Sheriff Dave Barrington said.

Mrs. Faircloth is charged with driving under the influence, assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a gun and malicious damage to county property after two blankets in her jail cell were burned Sunday morning.

Bond was set at \$500 pending a trial on the charges July 3.



Ashwell Harward