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## Around Town

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James Bullard of Route 3, who has been in the news lately because of the ill happenings that have befallen his family, will be mentioned here in another way. Last week Mrs. Bob Pursley lost her billfold. She said it contained very little money, but did have numerous credit cards and her driver's license. The radio station announced the loss and the reward Mrs. Pursley was offering.

According to Mrs. Pursley, James Bullard saw someone with the billfold and took it away from that person. He called her and told her he had the billfold and she went and picked it up. The money had been taken by the finder, but all credit cards and other valuables were intact. She gave the reward to James Bullard and asked that we mention about his good deed. We are glad to do so and especially to write of the good fortune to Bullard, who has had his share of the other.

The item last week about the cabin on Rockfish Creek has been mentioned to me a number of times during the past week. We would like to make a correction. Herbert McLean was also in the group that built the cabin and he is still living in Raeford.

Tom Conoly was by the office and stated that he was still around town and that I had omitted his name from the cabin boys. This is true and I hope anyone else that was omitted would please come in and let me know. My apologies to Herbert and Tom.

From the latest report from the coffee room at the Raeford Savings & Loan the new policeman is doing an excellent job. It is reported that his first ticket was to a member of the town council. We believe that Frank Teal can give you full details.

David Scott Currie, Jr. was by the office Monday morning and gave me a large cantaloupe. It is the best we have eaten this year. Thanks David, but don't tell Dick Neeley you gave me the 'loupe because he says we are begging for things instead of thanking people in this column.

Graham Clark was telling me the other day that Jimmie Stone of Columbia, S.C. was in town last week. Most old timers will remember Jimmie, as he went to high school and lived here before World War II. He left with the National Guard unit and later became an officer. We are sorry to have missed seeing him, but Baldy said he hasn't changed any at all.

The second annual Carter's Golf Tournament was held July 6th at Irongate. C.D. Bounds was the winner. He shot a 67 on the last round which included a hole in one. We understand this tied the "course record. Congratulations!

We didn't play in this tournament, so it will be impossible to give you the highlights of the event. We did hear the publisher say something about someone yelling when he was getting ready to putt. We understand that Clyde Upchurch can give first hand information about Bound's round. Of course Ray Autry must have had a bad day, because we haven't heard from him.

## Two Boys Charged In Obscene Calls

Two 15-year-old boys were arrested last week and charged with making obscene telephone calls, Sheriff D.M. Barrington reported.

One youth was arrested last Friday as he was making a call to a Raeford woman, the sheriff said. A line lock was used to trace the caller.

Sheriff Barrington said he went to the woman's home Friday to tell her that the phone used in the calls had been identified through the line lock and while he was there she received another obscene call.

He went to the address and caught the boy talking to the woman, he said.

Another youth was arrested later, he said. One boy said he had made six obscene calls during the past eight months, Sheriff Barrington said.

A juvenile hearing will be scheduled with the family counselor, he said.

The sheriff warned that line locks being used to trace callers and that persons charged with making obscene telephone calls would be prosecuted.

## County Returns Census Forms

Census forms representing 44 persons who were missed in the recent county census are being mailed this week to the regional census office in Charlotte by county manager T.B. Lester.

More than a dozen forms have been turned in to the county office in the last two weeks.

Preliminary census figures for Hoke County listed the population as 16,246. This is a loss of 110 residents during the past ten years.

In a letter to The News-Journal this week, Jefferson D. McPike, field division chief of the Bureau of Census, said that the county population would be double checked through the post office.

"Our quality control procedure involving the postal check of census address listings will include all of Hoke County," he said.

However, Raeford post office officials said that only the addresses within the city delivery system were double checked for the census.

Using the post office to check rural addresses would be very difficult, they explained, because many times several families use the same mail box to receive mail.

McPike also said that the census bureau would welcome a "missed persons campaign" conducted by local officials.

The Charlotte Regional Office has the responsibility for the enumeration of Hoke County, he said.

"They will be happy to invite the local officials to conduct a missed persons campaign."

"This would involve having those residents who believe they were missed fill out an abbreviated census form stating that they were living in the locality on April 1 and were missed. We will check these forms against our census records and the count for Hoke County will be increased to include these persons. You will be notified of the results of this check."

Residents who were not counted in the census are asked to write to the regional office stating that they were not counted and giving the number of persons in the household.

The address is: Mr. Joseph R. Norwood, Regional Director, Bureau of the Census, 510 Addison Building, 222 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

## Harris Says State Needs Vet School

A Hoke County farmer who served as a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee to study the feasibility of establishing a school of veterinary medicine in North Carolina said this week that a veterinary school was badly needed in the state.

T.J. Harris, who farms in the Blue Springs area, met June 9 with the committee, which recommended the establishment of a school to the Board of Higher Education.

"We need more veterinarians in North Carolina," he said. "In something like a hog cholera outbreak, the federal men did the biggest part in stopping it. We didn't have the vets to take care of it."

Veterinary students from the state are trained through a reciprocal agreement with Oklahoma State, the University of Georgia and Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. A total of 62 allocations are awarded for each school year. Of the 62 students for this past year, only 44 remain in school due to the draft, drop-outs and other circumstances, Harris said.

North Carolina is spending \$1800 for each veterinary student, yet only about two per cent return after graduation to practice in the state, he said.

There are only 350 veterinarians in active practice in North Carolina and only five of those limit their practice to large animals. There are no veterinarians in practice in the county, Harris said.

However, livestock is growing in importance in the farming industry of the state. Talmadge Baker, assistant farm agent, estimated that the county has 12,000 to 15,000 swine and 2,500 to 3,000 cattle.

The income from animal agriculture surpassed tobacco income in 1969. According to statistics compiled by Olaf Wakefield, acting head of the statistics division of the state department of agriculture, the cash receipts from livestock were \$570 million and from tobacco income \$515.4 million.

"We need veterinarians to provide health care for food animals and for controlling animal diseases through elimination and eradication programs," Harris said.

State laws that require veterinarians at all meat and poultry inspection plants have increased the demand for veterinarians in the state.

So far, progress toward meeting the need for veterinarians is slow, Harris said. Even if a school were started now, he said, the first class would not graduate until 1980. Federal aid is available for building and equipping a facility, he said.

While the 13-man committee recommended establishing a veterinary school, no action has been taken by the state, Harris said he hoped the General Assembly would consider the matter at the next session.

## Council Asks Federal Aid To Develop City Airport



ART LESSON - Mrs. Polly Loibner and her puppet, Pepper Painter, show Head Start students how to draw a bird. Mrs. Loibner, who is in Raeford visiting her son, Steve, is on the left. The art to elementary school children in a television show on educational television in Arkansas. She volunteered a day at Head Start here during her visit.

## Baker Resigns To Take Moore Farm Agent Job

Talmadge Baker, assistant farm agent for the county, resigned Tuesday to become the county extension chairman of Moore County.

In a letter to T.C. Jones, chairman of the board of commissioners, Baker requested his resignation effective Aug. 16.

"After much deliberation, I have accepted an invitation of the Southwestern Extension District Chairman and the Moore County Board of Commissioners to become County Extension Chairman of that county," Baker wrote.

"For the past five years I have been associated with the Extension Service in Hoke County. These years have been both pleasant and productive one. Nevertheless, I feel that I would be doing an injustice to my family and myself were I to decline this position.

"I shall always remember the many opportunities and kindnesses the Commissioners and the people of Hoke County have shown me. Moreover, I believe you know me well enough to

appreciate the difficulty that was mine in making my decision.

"To you and the people of Hoke County my most sincere wishes for your continued prosperity."

## Farm Census Check Starts

A follow-up on the agriculture census in the county will begin soon with enumerators calling on farm operators who failed to return an agriculture census form in January, census crew leader Mrs. Edith Nixon said.

About 85 per cent of the operators who received forms failed to return them, she said.

Mrs. Nixon is crew leader of Hoke, Scotland and Robeson counties. Three enumerators will collect the forms in Hoke County in the follow-up that is expected to take three to four weeks.

The enumerators are Mrs. Margaret Willis, Mrs. Christine Croft and Mrs. Magdelaine McKenzie.

## Open House

The Head Start program will hold open house Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at J.W. McLaughlin School. Parents and the public are invited to tour the program, director James Bowles said.

Refreshments will be served.

## Little Effect Seen From Subsidy Limit

Even if the Senate-approved the farm bill to limit subsidies becomes law, it will have virtually no effect in Hoke County, ASCS director Thomas Burgess said.

A bill which limited subsidies to \$20,000 per farm was passed by the Senate last week and sent to the House for consideration.

A news story in the Raleigh News and Observer last Thursday listed nine farmers in the county who had received payments in 1968 of \$17,000 or more and who might be affected by the limits.

The latest available figures on payments are those for 1968, but ASCS price support director, E.D. Avent said the payments have not changed substantially since then.

Baker was an extension agent in Ashe County for five years before coming here in 1965.

He is the immediate past-president of the Lion's Club and is active in the Raeford Methodist Church. He is also chairman of the Raeford - Hoke Recreation Commission, the Hoke Civic Center and is a member of the Raeford volunteer fire department.

An assistant farm agent, Baker has worked closely with livestock and poultry producers in the county. He has also been very active in the 4-H program.



Talmadge Baker

The city council approved a request this week for federal assistance to add paved runways and runway lighting to the city airport.

At the July meeting of the council Monday night, City Manager John Gaddy was instructed to apply for assistance under the new Federal Aviation Administration Airport Development Program.

Under the program, which went into effect July 1 to assist cities, counties, states and territories to develop facilities, 50 per cent of the cost of paving runways and taxiways and of construction and lighting of aprons, runways and taxiways will be paid by the federal government.

The council also granted a request from Sgt. Gene Thacker to reduce the payment on his airport lease from \$125 to \$75 for the first year.

The tentative city budget that was presented to the council on June 15 was adopted unanimously by the council Monday night.

W.W. Wicker of Sanford was authorized to drill and develop a well in the Holly Park section of Raeford to supplement the city's water supply. The city now has seven wells in the water system.

The council also approved \$500 dues to the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce. This was the same amount paid to the Chamber by the city in 1969.

A resolution to request a grant of \$40,000 from Advancement, Incorporated was adopted at the meeting. The grant is to be used to help finance the cost of the proposed sewer lines to the industrial sites, provided the cost of the project does not exceed the amount budgeted by the city as its part in the project.

The council also approved a motion to buy 4.485 acres of land in the industrial park from J.A. Singleton, Jr. at a cost of \$1250 per acre.

A contract was awarded to Crowell Constructors, Inc. to complete the paving and gutters on Fulton Street. The council also agreed to a Highway Commission proposal to channel 401-A at the Raeford Turkey Farms and to relocate the entrance of Raeford Cemetery.

A motion to pay city attorney Palmer Wilcox \$472 for work on easements, delinquent taxes and other city work was carried.

## Graham Pope Named To Replace Harward On Chamber Board

Graham Pope was appointed by the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce Tuesday to fill the unexpired term of Ashwell Harward as vice-president of the Chamber.

Harward resigned when he was transferred last month to the Burlington Worsted plant at Lexington.

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday at the Family Restaurant with president Palmer Wilcox presiding. Eight directors were present.

A report on membership and dues disclosed that dues are being received at a slower rate this year than in past years. A follow-up letter will be sent in July to members asking them to review their pledge. Chamber manager Harold Gillis said.

The directors were told of the status of all industrial prospects in the city and county. The relationship of Raeford and Hoke County to the Conservation and Development Department and the C&D regional office is excellent, Gillis said.

Future projects for the Chamber were discussed. Among these were Back to School promotions, Fireman's Day, the Christmas Parade, Empty Stocking Tree and Christmas decorations. A survey of Labor Day business closing is being made by the Chamber.

## Ball Tourney Finals Friday

The championship and consolation games of the Slow-Pitch Softball League will be played Friday night beginning at 7:30 at Armory Park.

The consolation game will begin at 7:30 and the championship will be played at 8:30.

Tournament winners will compete in the district play-off which will also be held in Raeford, July 23. Eighteen Hoke and Robeson County teams will compete.