

Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The softball tournaments are over for this year and the winner is the Pepsi-Cola team from Fayetteville. They defeated Ralph's Mobile Homes, also of Fayetteville, in the finals Saturday night. Complete results and the all-star team are on an inside page. We want to report that our photographer was on hand, but as will happen occasionally the negatives were bad so that is the reason we don't have pictures of the all-stars and most valuable player. But we hit two out of three this year, so maybe we can bat a thousand next year.

There is still time to qualify for the Arabia Golf tournament. The last day is Saturday, August 22nd. Raz Autry, tournament chairman, requests anyone that hasn't played the two rounds to do so. The flights will be set and head on play will determine the winner. It will take two losses to be defeated.

Talmadge Baker, who left this week to start his new job as Moore County Farm Extension agent, will be missed in the county. We are not farmers, but from all reports he performed his job in an excellent manner. His fellow church workers at Raeford United Methodist Church will also miss him. From every report he was tops in his church work. We do know that he was a community worker and never failed to answer the call for any drive that was worthwhile. He always got the job done and with little fanfare. We wish him and his family the best of everything and we know that Moore County has a hard worker.

This makes two people that Hoke County has lost in the just two months that will be hard to replace when you are looking for aid on a civic project. They are Talmadge Baker and Ashwell Harward.

Another happy user of our classified section is Mrs. Mary Creech. She was by Monday to insert a want ad and stated that the ad she had about a freezer for sale last week brought many phone calls and she sold the freezer. So if you have items you want to sell join the happy group that uses the classified section of The News Journal.

A letter received this week from Mrs. Frances H. Bowles a local teacher, is published below:

Dear Citizens of Hoke County, Having just returned from a week's workshop for teachers at Atlantic Christian College I feel impelled to write this letter.

Do you realize how lucky we are in our county? If you don't, then you should have heard some of the frustrations voiced by some of the teachers I met. Situations we could have had if our local School Board had not carried out plans for complete desegregation.

I have listened to teachers who know not where they will teach next year or what grade they can anticipate having. I heard of the students who don't yet know which schools they will attend.

Some counties have already delayed school opening at least a week, with the possibility of indefinite opening.

Can you imagine how many gray hairs the hurried school board members must be acquiring trying to work out feasible plans acceptable to the people and the government?

Let's be grateful for our local school board for having foresight enough to go ahead with something that was inevitable.

Tell your children to study hard, help each other and cooperate with their teachers. Let's make ours the best school system in North Carolina.

We're several steps ahead of many other counties. Let's keep moving forward!

Yours very sincerely,
Frances H. Bowles

Huffman Named Bladen Director Social Services

Ronald McNeill Huffman has been appointed director of social services in Bladen County.

The appointment was announced this week by Dr. C.M. Johnson, chairman of the Bladen County board of commissioners.

Huffman is a graduate of Hoke High School and of St. Andrews College. He served on the staff of the Hoke County Department of Social Services for five years before entering the University of North Carolina Graduate School at Chapel Hill. He graduated this past June.

Mrs. Huffman is the former Barbara K. Webb of Raeford. The couple has two children, Ronnie, 4, and Joey, 2.



WORK OF NATURE - This unusual centerpiece, consisting of 17 apples, complete with branch and leaves was pulled all in one piece, from the tree of Mr. and Mrs. Kip Nash of 504 Grant Ave. City. (Photo by J. Peoples)

South Hoke Chosen For State Program

South Hoke School will participate this year in an innovative program that will use such approaches as team teaching, flexible grouping, nongraded organization and utilization of teacher aides.

It is one of the 173 North Carolina schools approved by the State Board of Education for participation in the Comprehensive School Improvement Project for the 1970-71 school year.

Commonly known as CSIP, the project is designed to improve the total

educational program in the elementary schools. Typically, the CSIP program involves three classrooms of elementary students whose teachers function as a team with the three teachers assisted by a teacher aide. Financial assistance is provided by the state to pay the salary of the teacher aide, to enable the teachers of the team to visit other innovative schools, to purchase additional instructional materials and to employ special consultants.

Originally initiated in 1963-64 as a project jointly funded by the Ford Foundation and the State Board of Education, CSIP is now financed entirely from state funds. Yearly, more than 17,000 children and 600 teachers have been employed.

Recognizing the need for strengthening research in all aspects of curriculum and instruction, the State Department of Public Instruction anticipates that CSIP will be terminated at the close of the 1970-71 school year and replaced by a broader based program of experimentation and development.

Dawson Resigns Police Force

David Dawson, who has worked on the city police force for the past six weeks, resigned this week.

His resignation became effective Monday, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said. Dawson was hired July 1.

He has taken a job with a construction company in Wilmington, Chief Stanton said.

Police Find Chain Saw

A chain saw stolen from a pick-up truck Monday afternoon was recovered by city police shortly after it was reported missing.

The saw was reported missing by Sanford Locklear, who said it was in the back of his truck when he parked in front of the Raeford Salvage Company.

Police Chief L.W. Stanton and Patrolman Leonard Wiggins found the saw hidden in the woods about twenty minutes later.

The investigation of the theft is continuing.

Smallpox Shots Out Till Oct. 1

No small-pox vaccinations will be given at the Health Department until October 1.

Due to the high incident of sores and mosquito bites as well as cases of measles and chicken pox in the community, the vaccinations are being deferred until cooler weather, Health Department personnel said.

Balfour & Lester At State Meeting

Medicaid Expensive To Taxpayers

An urgent concern over the high cost of providing medical care through the Medicaid program prompted a meeting in Raleigh last week of county commissioners from 82 of the state's 100 counties.

John Balfour, county commissioner, and T.B. Lester, county manager, attended the meeting called by the N.C. Association of County Commissioners.

State Social Services Commissioner Clifton Craig, John R. Jordan, Jr., chairman of the State Board of Social Services, and Harry McCalliard, deputy attorney general, answered the written questions submitted by the commissioners.

"They told us it was up to the legislature to make any changes in the program," Lester said. "The state board of social services is operating according to the law of the state and there is no way to curtail the operation."

Jordan also told the commissioners that it was entirely up to the General Assembly to relieve the counties of some or all of the financial responsibility for welfare programs.

According to Lester, the cost of Medicaid to Hoke County is rising and may outrun the amount budgeted for it by the late spring.

The Medicaid payments at the first of August totaled \$26,790.96. Of that, the county and state each paid \$3,579.68 or 12 1/2 per cent. The federal government paid \$19,631.60 or 75 per cent. The county has included \$28,711 in the budget for 1970-71. If each month's payments equal the one for August, the program will require \$42,000 from the county.

During the six months the program was in effect last fiscal year, the county paid \$7,605.

Medicaid, which went into effect last Jan. 1, covers hospitalization, doctor's fees, drugs, dental work, optical services,

nursing home care and outpatient care. It is available to all persons who receive public assistance money payments and to persons not on public assistance who meet eligibility requirements for medical assistance. The group who receive medical assistance only is allowed to have a monthly income that is less than a state-set limit and may have reserve funds that are less than an amount set by the state.

Since March 1, the state allows a non-essential automobile valued less than \$1,000 to be included in the reserve, Miss Mabel McDonald, Hoke County director of social services said.

The tax levy for social services amounts to 17c for each \$100 valuation, Lester said. Of this, 6c goes to Medicaid. According to the Ahsokie Herald, Hertford County spends 41 cents for each \$100 valuation on social services. The Medicaid program there is budgeted at \$77,492. The Medicaid bill for Scotland County for July was \$87,713, with Scotland's share costing \$11,422.

The program pays 100 per cent of hospital costs and "reasonable" costs in the other categories, Miss McDonald said.

According to public records available at the county auditor's office, of the \$3,579 paid by the county in August, \$1,942.22 went to hospitals for inpatient care; \$32.84 went to hospitals for outpatient care; \$134.62 was paid for dental services; \$592.97 was paid to pharmacies; \$453.18 went to physicians; \$41.80 was paid for optical services; \$196.75 went to nursing homes and \$185.30 was used to buy the supplemental medical insurance for those receiving social security.

Of the total federal, state and county funds paid in August, 47 participating physicians received \$3,480.69. Eight doctors were paid more than \$100 this month. They are Raeford Medical Group, \$777.20; Dr. Jack T. Beverly, \$143; Dr. Gus Forbes, \$194; Dr. Joseph Hiatt,

\$125; Dr. Robert Townsend, \$222.90; Dr. Walter Newton, \$193; Dr. Donald Wallace \$411; and Dr. Edwin Womble, \$235. Dr. Riley Jordan received \$54.80.

Pharmacy bills totaled \$4,554.32 for August. Of this, which included state, federal and county funds, Hoke Drug Company received \$1,849.39; Howell Drug Company was paid \$1,793.25 and Wagram Drug Store was paid \$357.51.

Four nursing homes received a total of \$1160.14. Gladhaven Nursing Home in Fayetteville received the largest payment of \$598.09 for two people admitted there. Anthony's Nursing Home was paid \$351 through Medicaid.

The total bill for optical services was \$321.05 to four providers. The largest payment was made to Dr. Jack T. Beverly for \$160. He also received \$143 for physician's services. Fayetteville Optical Company was paid \$103.35; Dr. Oscar Burns was paid \$27.40 and Dr. Arthur McKenzie was paid \$29.90.

The total dental bill in August was \$1034. Dr. Julius Jordan received \$670 in Medicaid payments; Dr. Joseph Johnson received \$364.

Total hospital bills to institutions throughout the area amounted to \$14,917.21 for inpatient care and \$252.25 for outpatient service.

However, the bills paid in August were not all incurred in one month, Miss McDonald explained. Some of them dated as far back as January and most were from May through July.

Miss McDonald, who shares the concern of county officials over the cost of the program, has made several recommendations for changes in the operation of Medicaid.

"Recently, Clifton M. Craig, state commissioner of social services, has become alarmed at the increasing costs of the program and has sent field

In Superior Court Two Get Jail Terms For Manslaughter

School Bus Schedules Announced

Bus schedules are now in order for the upcoming school year. According to E.G. Inman who is in charge of the bus routing, everything is ready for the new school district program.

Carrying children to Upchurch School will be bus No. 2. Children in grades six, seven and eight will use this bus. The bus will start its rounds at 7 a.m. and will make one minute stops at the following locations. It will arrive at Upchurch shortly after 8 p.m.

The bus will make its first stop at the southern end of Wooley Street. From there the next stop will be at the corner of Harris and Dickson, then it will stop at Dickson and W. Edinborough and continue to its next stop at Prospect and Dickson. Another stop will be made at Fifth Avenue and Fulton Street.

The bus will then stop at the Raeford Elementary School and continue to Fulton and W. Edinborough.

The rest of the stops, in order of their occurrence are: Central and Magnolia, E. Central and Stewart, Wilmuth, Oakwood, St. Pauls Drive, St. Pauls Drive and Reaves St., Elwood Avenue and Crawford Street, Crawford and Donaldson, Donaldson Avenue and McRae, E. Prospect, Forrest Street and Grant Avenue, Forrest Street and Sixth Avenue, Sixth Avenue and Saunders Street, Jackson Street and E. Prospect, E. Edinborough and Jackson Street, E. Edinborough and Stewart Street, and Sixth Avenue and N. Main.

Two buses will be picking up children for South Hoke School this year. Children in grades four and five in the central district will use these buses.

Bus No. 26 first stop will be at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Magnolia Street. From there it will continue to make the following one minute stops: Fifth Avenue and Green Street, Donaldson Avenue and Green Street, Bethune Avenue and Dickson Street, W. Edinborough and Dickson Street, Wright Street and W. Central, Wright and Harris Avenue, Wooley and Maxwell Avenue, Magnolia Street, Harris Avenue and

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Darnell McMillan and Sidney Townsend were sentenced to prison for not less than eight or more than ten years after pleading guilty Tuesday in Superior Court to voluntary manslaughter in the death of Henry G. Monroe last March.

They were originally charged with murder but the state agreed to reduce the charges to voluntary manslaughter.

In presenting the evidence, the defense attempted to show that the beating of Monroe took place because Townsend found Monroe in bed with Geneva Townsend, his wife.

Judge Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., who is presiding over the August session of Superior Court, recommended that the men be given the option of serving under the work-release program as soon as they are eligible to do so.

The court dismissed the case of Joe Randall Holland for insufficient evidence. Holland was appealing a conviction in District Court of careless and reckless driving.

After witnesses for the state had testified that Holland had driven away from the Tasty Freeze at a high rate of speed, skidding onto the highway on two wheels and crossing back into the left lane before regaining control of the vehicle, Judge Cooper sent the jury from the courtroom and said that since Holland did not have an attorney to make the motion, the court would move for non-suit in the case.

"Back home, we call that kind of driving scratching off," Judge Cooper said. "If there is no other traffic to be affected -- and the state has testified that there were no other cars on the highway at that time--then it is not careless and reckless driving."

A charge of careless and reckless driving is that driving that is likely to endanger the property or safety of others. It is a careless indifference to the rights and safety of other persons.

After he dismissed the case, Judge Cooper told Holland "If you keep driving like that, you'll be right back up here."

Lena Mae Locklear McMillan pleaded guilty to violation of prohibition laws by having 59 bottles of beer and 1 3/4 pints of whiskey for re-sale. She was given an 18 to 24 month sentence suspended for three years on the conditions that she pay a fine of \$300 and court costs; that she remain on good behavior and not violate any state or federal penal laws and that she expressly waive her rights under the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution and allow ABC officers or sheriff's department personnel to search her premises at any time without a search

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