

## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The advertisement in last week's paper run by Collins Dept. Store contained an erroneous date. The ad was about a sewing contest and the registration deadline was listed as Sept. 17. The registration deadline is October 10th so all you seamstresses get out your needles and start to sew. There is still plenty of time to enter the contest. So go down to Collins today and register.

Miss Mary Black McBryde, Hoke native and an office worker for Senator Sam Ervin in Washington called last Friday to correct an article in last week's paper. The article concerned the Robeson County Democratic rally scheduled for Pembroke Saturday October 3 at 6:30 p.m. The article stated that Sen Ervin would attend and Miss McBryde said that the senator had declined the rally due to other commitments. She hoped that the rally would be a success and hated that the senator could not attend, but just wanted to set the record straight. We appreciate you calling, Mary Black, and it is always a pleasure to talk with you.

If you need a ticket to the rally in Pembroke Saturday night, yours truly can supply you with one. The feed is from 6:30 to 8:30 and most of the politicians will be present. So let's all go to Pembroke for an old time Democratic Rally. See you there!

Raeford and Hoke County has been in the news for the past few weeks.

The column "Tarheel Outdoors" released from a state department in Raleigh to all daily and weekly newspapers this week is written about a local man. June Johnson, June and the writer Joel Arrington discuss spear fishing. The article appears elsewhere in the paper. Thanks June for the publicity for Hoke County and Raeford.

A picture published on the front page of The News-Journal on July 30th has made a number of daily papers across the nation. The picture was taken by Laurie Telfair and showed a German Shepherd dog chasing a beaver in a pond on Eli Shankle's farm. We saw the picture in The Charlotte Observer and have been told that it appeared in the Asheville paper. Walter Holt came by Monday and said his sister in Ft. Myers, Fla. sent him a paper with the picture in it. The picture was picked up from a Wildlife magazine by the Associated Press and released nationwide.

We always knew that Eli would get world-wide publicity, but not by a dog and a beaver.

We think that these kind of things are good for the city and county. Let's all keep Raeford and Hoke in the news.

A couple of weeks ago J.W. Turlington, principal at Raeford Elementary School, asked that we run maps and an article about picking up and bringing children to school. We did and have received the following letter from Turlington. We also want to commend the parents who have helped solve the traffic problem.

The letter follows:  
Dear Sam:

First of all, I want to tell you how much we appreciate the wonderful cooperation that we have had from The News-Journal over all these years. You have been a great aid at all times when we have asked for your help to solve problems or get messages to the people of the county.

Then, I want to tell you of the wonderful cooperation that we have had from our school patrons concerning the traffic problem that we were having. So far it has been only a very few parents who have not followed our request about the traffic pattern to be followed.

Friday many of our patrons, after having seen The News-Journal Thursday, began following our request. I want to again thank you for your cooperation and to thank the parents for being so cooperative in helping solve our problem.

Yours truly,  
James W. Turlington  
Principal

## Boosters Will Meet

The Booster Club will meet Monday at 8 p.m. at Hoke High School to discuss preparations for the Homecoming Barbecue before the Hamlet game Oct. 16.

Charlie Hottel, president, urged residents to support the conference-leading Bucks by joining Booster Club activities.

Films from the Raeford-Pinecrest game will be shown after the business meeting.

# National Skydiving Meet Scheduled At Raeford Airport This Weekend

## State Microfilms County Records

County records are being microfilmed for safe-keeping by the State Department of Archives and History.

Microfilming began this week by J.H. Mercer and W.B. Edwards, Jr., microfilm camera operators of the department. The work is expected to take at least six weeks.

County records of permanent value will be recorded. These include real estate records, birth and death indexes, court records, records of estates, wills special proceedings and minutes of the various county boards. Marriage licenses will be recorded if the county chooses to prepare them for microfilming.

Records from the city will also be recorded by the department.

In addition, churches in the county and surrounding areas are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to provide security for their records by bringing them to the courthouse for microfilming. Minutes, registers and other records of permanent value will be microfilmed and the film will be stored in the State Archives at no cost to the churches.

Churches wishing to take advantage of this service should contact Mercer in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court by Oct. 23 and arrange to have the work done.

Security microfilm will be stored in the underground vault in the new Archives and History-State Library Building in Raleigh. In the event of loss of original records, copies can be made and supplied at nominal costs.

Permanent records, such as deeds and wills, will be repaired as necessary. All work is being done at state expense.

An inventory of the records in the county offices was prepared before microfilming began. County officials will be given copies of the inventory, together with schedules of retention and disposal of all records. The inventory-schedules serve as a guide in determining which records should be preserved permanently and how long others should be retained prior to destruction.

Many of the counties have suffered serious losses of records as a result of fire and other causes. For years, the late Dr. Christopher Crittenden, former Director of the State Department of Archives and History, and Dr. H.G. Jones, State Archivist, and now Director, considered possible methods of providing security for essential records in the counties.

They eventually devised the plan of microfilming the records for security. State and county officials endorsed the idea and the 1959 General Assembly enacted legislation which authorized and directed the department to proceed with the program.

Work began in the fall of 1959. Since then, counties have been selected approximately by age and Hoke is the 98th county to be scheduled. The program is under the supervision of F.D. Gattton, Assistant Records Administrator (Local Records).

## Parents Of Raeford Man Die In Car-Truck Crash

The parents of a Raeford resident were killed last Friday afternoon near Louisburg when the car in which they were riding collided with a truck pulling a mobile home.

John W. Williams, Jr., 53 and his wife Frances, 51, of Weldon were killed in the wreck. They were the parents of John W. Williams III of Raeford. Mrs. Marvel M. Pierce, 68, of Weldon, who was riding in the Williams' car, also died in the collision.

Otha Harrison Giles, Jr., of Raleigh, driver of the truck, was treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital and released.

Highway patrolman J.F. Byrd said the rig jacked across the highway and the Williams' car collided with the truck.

The wreck occurred on U.S. 401 in front of the Elmo Cash Grocery - the destination of the mobile home.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Williams were held Sunday at Weldon United Methodist Church by the Rev. J.B. Parvin. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

They are survived by a daughter, Darnell Williams of Raleigh; a son, John W. Williams III of Raeford. Surviving Williams is his mother, Mrs. J.W. Williams of Asheboro; two sisters, Ruth Williams of Greensboro and Mrs. J.S. McEachern of Raleigh; two brothers, Harry Williams of Raleigh and P.A. Williams of Glastonbury, Conn.



MICROFILMING - Jim Mercer (left) and Bill Edwards, from the State Department of Archives, microfilm county records at the courthouse. Two pages at a time can be recorded on film.



ON TARGET - Sgt. Dale Stec, a principal instructor for the Green Beret Sports Parachute Club, is right on the 2 1/2 inch target. He will be one of the more 150 jumpers expected to compete in the national skydiving meet scheduled at Raeford Airport this weekend. Sgt. Stec has more than 500 jumps and is one of the top skydivers in the Green Beret Club. He is 24 years old and is a native of Buffalo, N.Y. (Photo by Dave Ferling)

A national parachute meet will be held this weekend at the Raeford Airport.

Approximately 150 top United States skydivers will compete for the \$600 in cash prizes and trophies.

Clubs from as far away as Michigan and Ohio are expected to compete in the events Saturday and Sunday. However, many of the jumpers will be members of the three sports parachute clubs at Ft. Bragg, who hope to keep the prizes and honors in North Carolina.

The meet is being sponsored by the Green Beret Parachute Club of Ft. Bragg. This will be the first national meet held by the club and also the first time the Raeford airport has been used for an event this large. The Green Beret club has used the airport here for several months for training and local meets.

Four aircraft will be used during the competition, with a jumper leaving the plane every 40 seconds.

Each skydiver will make six jumps during the weekend from an altitude of 3,000 feet. The target is only 2 1/2 inches in diameter. No points are recorded for any one missing the center of the target by twelve feet or more.

Competition will begin Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. Sunday's events will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A concession stand at the airport will be operated by the Hoke County Rescue Squad. Admission to the meet is free.

## Man Found Dead In Car

A man was found dead in a car parked on the shoulder of N.C. 211 early Monday morning, the apparent victim of a heart attack.

He was identified as Charles Willis Cook, whose address was listed as Randleman.

Deputy sheriffs Harvey Young and Robert Locklear found the car parked in front of the old Lentz place about 12:30 a.m.

Cook was driving a rented vehicle, Sheriff D.M. Barrington said. County coroner Frank Crumpler listed the cause of death as a heart attack.

## Stranded Worker Given Bus Ticket For Home

By Laurie Telfair

Willie Turner, Jr. went home to Atlanta Tuesday, with the help of the Raeford police, the First Baptist Church and a motorist passing through town.

Turner came to the city police station late Monday night, hungry and half-sick. The motorist, Pat Willcox of Southern Pines, daughter of the late Dr. J.W. Willcox, a former director of the Hoke-Moore health district, stopped at the police station in search of change for a dollar bill.

Turner told Miss Willcox and

dispatcher Wilbert Stanton that he had come to North Carolina this summer as a migrant worker to harvest sweet potatoes.

He and ten other men were brought in a VW bus from Atlanta by a man they knew as George. Turner went to work in Harnett County, harvesting potatoes for 15 cents a box. He never made over \$1.50 a day, he said, because he was charged a fee for room and board that was always equal to his wages.

Turner described the camp in which he lived, with outdoor toilets and beds made of thin, cotton mattresses placed on two-by-four platforms. There were cold outdoor showers, he said, but no soap. The food was adequate on the days that they were fed, he explained, but meals weren't always served every day.

Last Sunday Turner decided to go home to Atlanta. He began walking from Dunn, most of the time in the drizzling rain. He reached Raeford Monday night, tired, sick with a cold, hungry and broke.

At the police station, Miss Willcox opened a can of beans and one of Vienna sausage she had in her car from a fishing trip and Stanton found him a place to sleep for the night.

Early Tuesday morning, Turner, Miss Willcox, and Police Chief Stanton began to search for ways to help him get to Atlanta. Mrs. Stanton brought Turner a breakfast, and he was given some dry clothes.

Turner needed some way to make

money for bus fare to Georgia and at the same time, he needed money enough to live here. The group thought of seeking employment for him on a farm or perhaps at the turkey plant, but Turner would have had no money on which to live.

Finally Chief Stanton remembered that the Baptist Church maintained an emergency fund for persons in desperate need. A call was made to Mrs. E.G. Inman, who is active in the Baptist Church, and she in turn, called the Rev. Jack Mansfield.

Within minutes, the Rev. Mansfield called the police station and asked them to find out the fare to Atlanta and the time of departure of the next through bus.

Willie Turner left Raeford on the 10:20 bus, with a small amount of spending money, and a lunch packed by Mrs. Inman.

There was even a few dollars left in the emergency fund "for seed."

## Gas Can Explodes, Burns Girl

A home was damaged by fire Tuesday and a young girl was slightly injured when a can of gasoline she was using to start a fire in a heater exploded. One room of a house located by Hoke Concrete Company was burned and there was smoke damage to the rest of the home. Clyde Upchurch at Hoke Concrete said.

John Haley, an employee of the firm, lives in the house. His 9-year-old daughter, Laura, attempted to start a fire in the heater about 7 p.m. Tuesday by pouring gasoline from a closed can onto the fire. Upchurch said the child thought it was kerosene.

She was slightly burned when the can exploded, Upchurch said. Her parents took her to Moore Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released.

The fire was quickly extinguished, Upchurch said, and the home is now being repaired.

## Water System Meets Oct. 7

A meeting of the Hillcrest-Scurlock Community Water System will be held Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Scurlock School.

The purpose of the meeting is to incorporate the system and establish permanent committees. Attending will be representatives of the engineering firm, the system attorney and Farmer's Home Administration personnel.

## Registration Books To Open On October 10

Registration books for the November 3 General Election will open Oct. 10, Alex K. Brock, executive secretary of the State Board of Elections, announced this week. The books will be open at the voting places for three Saturdays in October - October 10, 17 and 24. On week-days during this period, citizens may register at the home of their precinct registrar.

Absentee voting is permitted in the general election provided proper application is made. No application by civilians, can be received earlier than Sept. 19 or later than the Wednesday before the election, Brock said. Offices to be filled during this election include U.S. Congressmen, 29 state judicial officers, solicitors and district judges, members of the State Senate and state House of Representatives, county officers and seven Constitutional Amendment questions.

Brock urged voters to inform themselves in advance of the election. Particular attention should be given to the amendments, he said.

"All citizens are urged to participate and involve themselves in this true expression of democracy."