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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

Charles Dawkins, District Highway Commissioner, called the other day to set the record straight on the matter of a highway supervisor for Hoke County. He is very much in favor of Hoke having a full-time supervisor, he said, and he invited Highway Administrator George Willoughby down here for a meeting with the city council and county commissioners to discuss it. However, at the meeting, Willoughby explained that there was not enough mileage in the state system in this county to justify a full-time supervisor. Willoughby said that better communication would be established between county residents and the present supervisor for Scotland and Hoke County. Dawkins pointed out that it was not within his power to approve or disapprove a supervisor for Hoke County and he didn't want the blame on that one.

The News - Journal will publish early next week so that advertisers can have advantage of offering last minute items to their customers. Also we want to give our employees a few days off with their families. We will print on Tuesday, so all news items and ads must be in the office on Monday. So please cooperate with us during the Christmas Season.

If you haven't been contacted to contribute to the United Fund drive, please send your donation in as the workers didn't mean to miss anyone. You can mail the donation to Jerry Goza, campaign chairman, Raeford, N.C.

We believe with a successful report from Raeford Turkey Farms and Tex - Elastic that the goal will be reached this year. Jerry Goza has done an outstanding job and also his fellow workers. Also W.T. McAllister, vice-president of the Hoke United Fund has done an excellent job at McCain. We will mention other workers as they are brought to our attention.

We heard yesterday that T.B. Lester was in the hospital for surgery. We hope he recovers soon and is home for the holidays.

The News - Journal photographers will start taking pictures of door fronts and other Christmas pictures Thursday. We always use these pictures in our Christmas edition which we will publish next week. So if you haven't completed your door, do so because we want the best we can get. Also if you see someone taking a picture of your house please call off the dogs or put down the gun as it could be the picture taker from The News - Journal.

An advertisement started last week announcing that beginning January 1, 1971 the registration books would be open in Hoke County for three days each week. They will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. John Scott Poole, chairman of the Board of Elections stated that under this system that the books would be closed five weeks before an election. So if you are not on the books be sure and register after the New Year. You can't vote if you don't register.

We received the following letter this week:

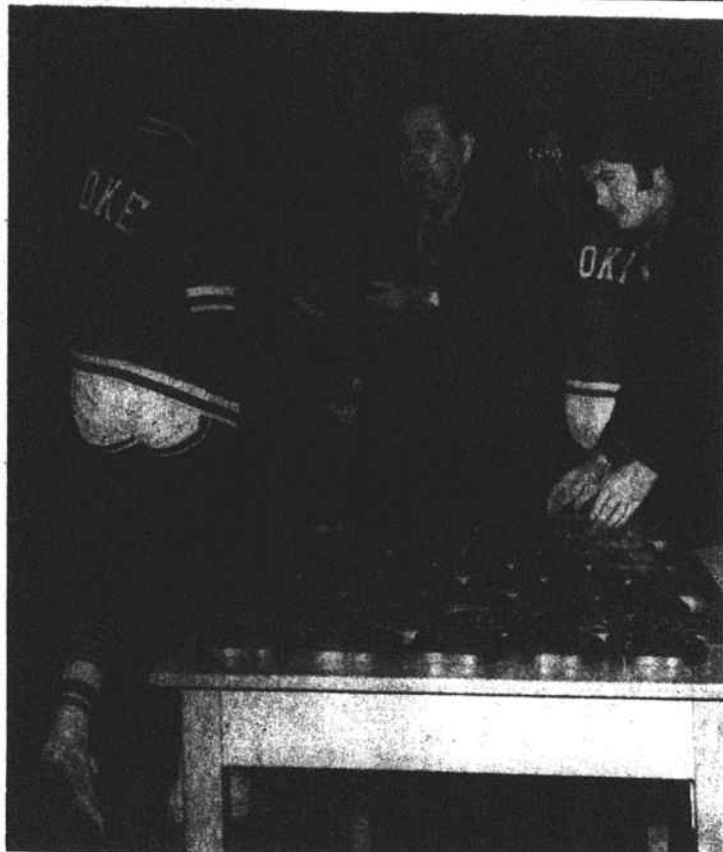
Sam,
I received a copy of last weeks paper in which you mention Mark's success in football this fall.
I followed Raeford's football team in the paper this fall and was pleased to see them win the conference. I still recognize a lot of the boys' names.
Looks like we are destined to live in the mountains. Will soon be here six years. Doesn't seem so long ago that we moved from Raeford.
I believe John is at UNC. Bob is going to ECU.
Every once in awhile I run into someone from Raeford and I catch up on the news. I get a lot from Steve Stogner who is attending Western Carolina.
Give my regards to everyone.
John Manuel

Christmas Eve Service Planned

The Raeford United Methodist Church extends an invitation to all members of the Raeford community to attend their Christmas Eve Communion.

The church sanctuary will be open from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM for any who would like to pray and partake of the Lord's Supper. Members of the church want to share with you and yours the blessings of this Season.

If further information is needed please contact Mrs. C.L. Thomas, Jr. (875-2366), Chairman of Ecumenical Affairs, Raeford United Methodist Church.



AWARDS - - Neill James Blue (center) presented plaques to the Bucks championship football team, and coaches and to the school during the half at the varsity basketball game last Friday. He congratulated Russell Davis, the Bucks star end, as Dan Pannel (right) assists in the presentation.

Neill J. Blue Presents Awards To Hoke Bucks

Plaques commemorating the Buck's Southeastern 3A football championship were awarded to members of the team, the coaches and the school during the halftime at the varsity basketball game Friday night at Seventy-First.

Neill James Blue, Sr. presented the awards as a gesture of appreciation in memory of his son, Neill, Jr., who died recently in an auto accident.

Individual plaques bearing their name and number were presented to the 45 members of the Bucks championship team and to the three coaches and team manager.

A large plaque inscribed with the names of the team members was presented to Raz Autry, principal, for the school.

In a letter accompanying the presentation, Blue said:

"We feel great pride in our football team this year. The coaches did their job well and the players gave it everything they had. Courage, determination and unselfish play made this the best season the Bucks have ever had.

"I want to express my gratitude to

those who are responsible for making the Bucks Southeastern 3A Champions by giving each of them a trophy to keep and (See AWARDS, Page 11)

Kids Needed For Toy Gifts

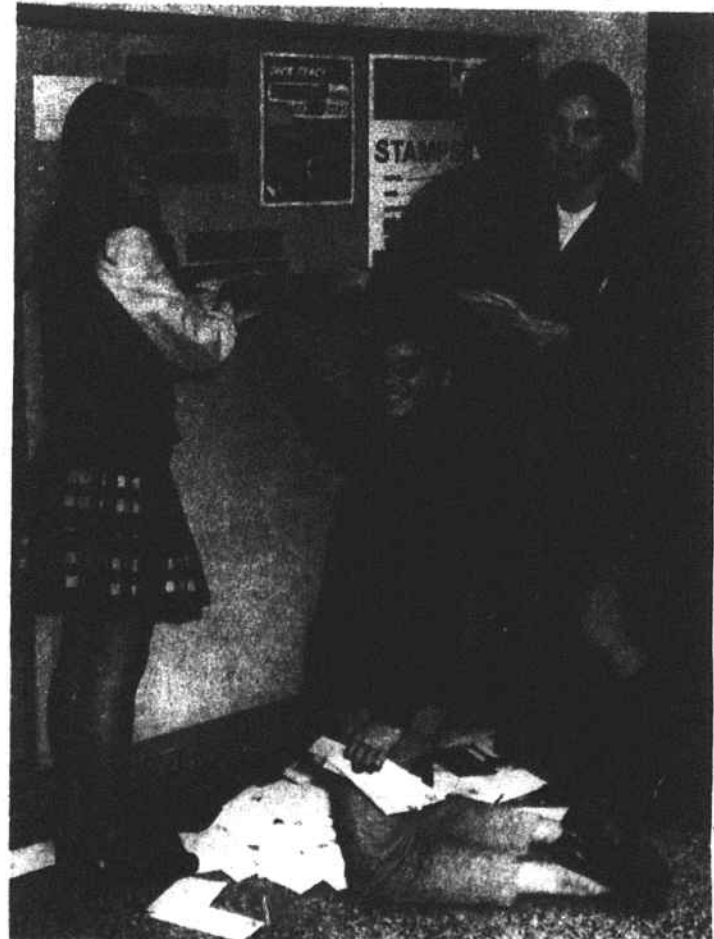
Two truck-loads of toys donated by the soldiers and families at Ft. Bragg were delivered to the Hoke County Department of Social Services yesterday and workers there need help in distributing the toys.

Miss Mabel McDonald, DSS director, asks that persons who will be unable to get toys for their children this Christmas to contact the department or the Sandhills Community Action Program office immediately.

"We would especially like to reach the unemployed worker, the seasonal farm worker and others who will not be able to provide Christmas toys," she said.

She also asked that those who plan to get toys bring a box or bag in which to carry them.

FTA Sends Holiday Cards To Servicemen In Vietnam



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - Members of the Future Teachers of America staff a portion of the 450 letters sent by the club to servicemen in Vietnam. Left to right are Rosemary McGowan, Kathy Bounds, Jerry Thompson, advisor and Lynn Currie.

Red Springs Man Charged In Eight Break-Ins Here

Burlington Plans Vacations, Bonuses

Burlington Industries will observe the upcoming holiday season with plant vacations and traditional Christmas recognition of employees and their families.

According to Jack A. Bradford and Graham A. Pope, managers, the Burlington Worsted Raeford and Burlington Worsted Dyeing Plants will be closed Dec. 21 through Dec. 27 for the Christmas holidays. Children of local employees will receive Christmas treat bags.

Burlington employees in fourteen states will receive bonuses to coincide with scheduled manufacturing plant closings for the holidays. Individual amounts are based on length of service.

More than 75,000 traditional

Christmas treat bags will be given to children of Burlington employees this year.

United Fund At \$16,000

The United Fund is nearing 84 per cent of its goal with approximately \$16,000 in contributions.

The county goal is set at \$19,181.19. Contributions were received this week from: Hoke High School - \$247. Collins (100%) - \$59, Howell Drug - \$38, Raeford Lumber Co. - \$122, Hoke Auto Co. - (100%) \$50, Bank of Raeford - \$190, Dickson Press (100%) - \$129.

Jerry Goza, campaign manager, pointed out that one school, Raeford Turkey Farms and Tex - Elastic, as well as a few individuals and firms had not yet turned in their contributions.

The county goal this year was reduced by \$3,894 from the goal set for last year and United Fund officials expressed hope that this year's goal would be reached.

A dozen agencies, including the Rescue Squad, the Scouts and the 4-H Clubs, receive money from the fund drive.

County Needs Blood Donors

The chance to give a gift of life this Christmas season will be here Friday when the Bloodmobile visits Raeford Methodist Church from noon to 5:30 p.m.

The county needs a large donation this time to replenish their portion of the blood bank, chairman Clyde Upchurch said.

Residents here used more blood during the one month of October than in its last visit, he said. Two Hoke County children had open heart surgery and several residents had major operations this fall he explained. They all needed large amounts of blood.

In addition, heavy demands on the blood bank are normal during the winter months when non-emergency surgery is often scheduled. Holiday traffic accidents also account for increased blood use during this time.

"We need to collect at least 120 pints of blood this time," Upchurch said. "We're counting on, and hoping for, more support than usual from the non-industry and town workers this time."

"We hope that people will take this opportunity to give a free gift that will be meaningful both to themselves and to their neighbors by donating a pint of blood on Friday."

Empty Stocking Fund Starts

Contributions are again needed for the Empty Stocking Fund, sponsored by the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

The money is used to assist needy families in the county. Last year, ten families were contacted through the county Department of Social Services and were provided for at Christmas.

Contributions may be mailed to P.O. Box 96 or delivered to the Chamber office.

Pedestrian Killed Friday

A pedestrian was killed near Upchurch School Friday morning by a car that was attempting to pass another vehicle.

Make Archie Purcell, 27, was struck and killed by a car driven by Mrs. Mattie Mae Blue of Rt. 1, Raeford.

Mrs. Blue was attempting to pass another car driven by Mrs. Bertha Mae Thompson Leslie, according to Highway

A Red Springs man was arrested last week in connection with a series of break-ins in Hoke County.

Herman Junior Walters, 29, of Red Springs, was charged with breaking, entering and larceny in eight robberies that took place from Aug. 29 to Nov. 16 in the county.

Two juveniles were also arrested in connection with the break-ins and were returned to Robeson County for action by authorities there.

Approximately \$6,000 in property has been recovered by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

Walters is being held in jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond for a preliminary hearing in District Court Friday.

He is charged with the break-ins and thefts at the following homes: Joe McPhaul, Rt. 1, Red Springs; B.R. Barbour, Rt. 2, Raeford; two break-ins at Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hayward, Rt. 2, Raeford; Mr. and Mrs. Dawson L. Chambers, Rt. 3, Raeford; Mrs. H.E. Bowling, Rt. 1, Aberdeen; and Mr. and Mrs. Bronzie Lawson, Rt. 3, Raeford, and Joe Belcher.

Investigation is continuing into the thefts at the home of Harrison Miller of Shannon, Fred Hendrix of Rt. 1, Raeford and Lewis Brock of Rt. 2, Raeford.

Walters was arrested on Dec. 8 after some of the stolen property was found, Sheriff D.M. Barrington said. The two juveniles were arrested on Dec. 7. One of the youngsters is charged in three of the break-ins and the other is charged in all eight, the sheriff said.

Most of the stolen property was recovered from pawn shops in Cumberland County on Dec. 9, Sheriff Barrington said. Approximately \$12,000 worth of goods were taken and about half has been found.

In addition to the eight break-ins in Hoke County, Walters is charged in connection with six cases in Robeson County, one in Bladen County and one in Cumberland County.

Sheriff Barrington expressed appreciation for the co-operation his department received from the State Bureau of Investigation, and the officers in Robeson and Cumberland County.

"I especially want to thank the officers in my own department who put in long hours during the investigation," the sheriff said. "And I appreciate the people of the county who called in to report strange vehicles parked near their home during this period."

us and we hope that it will be meaningful to you. We think that it has a message for us all.

Again, we heartedly wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely,

Kathy Bounds, President
Several replies have been received by the members. Sp4 Larry D. Womack wrote "I received your Christmas card, poem and letter a few days ago. And I would like to thank each and every one of you. It means a lot to a guy to know that he's being supported by the people he's fighting for. Thanks a million."

Lt. Col. Kinsey Mode wrote "Thanks to each of you for your concern. May you never lose compassion for mankind. My greatest wish is that you be permitted to live -- and teach -- in a world which knows peace on earth."

CW2 Charles L. Cook wrote "As a career soldier, both myself and my contemporaries are prone to be somewhat critical of some of the ideals and actions of some of the youth of your generation. This can be attributed to the drastic

change in social environment since we were in your age bracket, and, I guess, we're guilty of refusing to either face the fact that changes must take place or else misunderstanding your motives. The actions of a few radicals among our politicians, military personnel and youth are blown out of proportion by eager writers and editors seeking the sensationalism which catches the potential purchaser's eye and we, the public, are prone to associate these bits of sensationalism to the entire group and develop misguided opinions.

"Youth such as you and you F.T.A. contemporaries; your thoughts and motives behind your actions, prove to me that in my old age your country and mine will be well managed by your generation."

Names of the military men were obtained from lists published in The Charlotte Observer and from students at the high school.

In another recent project, F.T.A. members planted six flowering plum trees on the school grounds. They plan to plant several varieties of spring bulbs.

Cpl. Donald T. Parks Awarded Bronze Star

Army Corporal Donald T. Parks, son of Herbert A. Parks, Montrose, recently received the Bronze Star Medal near Song Be, Vietnam.

He was presented the Bronze Star for distinguishing himself through meritorious service in connection with military operations against hostile forces in Vietnam. The medal, adopted in 1944, recognized outstanding achievement.

Cpl. Parks received the award while assigned as a howitzer section chief with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He entered the army in August 1969

and completed Basic Training at Ft. Bragg. He also holds the Air Medal and The Army Commendation Medal.

The 21-year-old soldier is a 1967 graduate of Aberdeen High School.

His wife, Sandra, lives on Route 3, Carthage.

School's Out Tomorrow!

Schools will close tomorrow at 2 p.m. for Christmas vacation and will resume regular schedules on Jan. 4.