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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

A reader of this column asked why we did not follow up last week with more information about Neil Senter, Hugh Lowe and Crawford Thomas, Jr. We haven't been able to get up with Senter and Hugh said that he didn't have anything to say. So please bear with us until we can get up with Senter, then we should get the full story on this vital news item.

Our good friend, Ken McNeill, was telling us about a trip to Charlotte last week to attend an ASCS meeting. He was accompanied by Joe Upchurch, alias Clyde Smith, and Walter Thomas. We couldn't get much information about the meeting but Ken was full of information about the night life in Charlotte. If you will contact any of the above mentioned men they will be glad to tell you about the trip.

We offer congratulations to Dr. Robert J. Senior of Chapel Hill who was named "Citizen of the Year" for Chapel Hill and Carboro. Dr. Senior is the husband of Gwen Gore a sister to Mrs. Charles Hostetler. She was born in Raeford and finished school here. According to an article in the Chapel Hill Weekly Dr. Senior was given a standing ovation following the announcement. The announcement was made by J. Sib Dorton who said, "If a town has a soul, it will be revealed in the efforts exerted in behalf of its young. We have the opportunity tonight - you and I and our town - to salute and honor one of our townsmen who by his commitment helps Chapel Hill lay claim to having a soul."

"We salute him for his effective work as a 24 - hour - a - day workhorse among people caught up in the drug dilemma."

We have received two letters recently telling us how much the writers enjoyed The News-Journal. One was from Mrs. Paul Lawing, nee Retha How, of Hawaii and the other from a former employee of The News-Journal, Mrs. Joe Davis of Dunn. We appreciate the nice remarks and hope both of you the best until you return again to Hoke County.

Members of the Hoke County Rescue Squad feel that they are fighting a losing battle in trying to raise \$2800 to get started on a new building. The members of the squad all work and must stay on the job and find it impossible to think up ways to raise this money.

As everyone knows the longer they put off signing the contract, with the way building costs are rising, that it may take more than \$2800 in hand.

If you cannot contribute to this worthwhile project maybe you could come forward with an idea that would raise some money. All kinds of projects were successful during the stadium drive and we feel that the same thing could happen with this project if someone or some group would take the bull by the horns and say let's get the \$2800 for the rescue men.

We know they would appreciate it and will help in any way they can.

If you want to contribute just send your check or cash to Hoke County Rescue Building Fund, P.O. Box 337, Raeford, N.C.

Sr. Citizens

Meet Tuesday

The Senior Citizens Friendship Club will meet March 2 at 2:30 p.m. at the Raeford United Methodist Church.

Members are asked to bring sewing equipment to sew for the younger school children.

Army Offers Help With Recreation

The Army can provide some help with recreation if the program is continued here, Maj. Hugh Holden, 28th Civil Affairs, said this week.

Pt. Bragg units can provide such things as picnic tables and benches and basketball and volleyball backstops and posts, he said. While the Army would not be able to furnish other kinds of playground equipment, Maj. Holden suggested that perhaps local civic clubs might be able to help equip play sites in the town and county.

He emphasized that the Army was forbidden to take part in any project that citizens here did not initiate and support.

For Hoke County

Census Counts 16,436 Persons Population Increases Slightly

Notice

Attention: persons who had photographs made Feb. 10 at the Civic Center through the offer in The News-Journal.

Proofs will be shown today from 4 to 7 p.m. at The News-Journal office.

Cards mailed by the photographer stated that the proofs would be shown at the Civic Center from 4 to 7 p.m. However, the center is occupied on Thursday and the proofs will be shown instead at The News - Journal office. The appointment time on the card will remain the same.

Volunteers Call Sunday

About 78 volunteers will make a house to house canvass for the Heart Fund during Heart Sunday Feb. 28.

The workers will call during the afternoon from 1 to 4, Mike Wood said. Many of the volunteers are young people, Wood said, who are devoting part of their weekend to this cause.

He requested that all volunteers turn in their collections by Monday.

Abernethy Meets With Legislators

State educators met with the North Carolina congressional delegation last week in Washington in what D.D. Abernethy, county school superintendent, called "a most successful low - key meeting."

The delegation of North Carolina educators held a luncheon Wednesday for legislators from the state. All the congressmen except Representatives Galifianakis and Broyhill attended, Abernethy said. Aides from their office and from the offices of Senators Ervin and Jordan attended.

Abernethy said the primary education bill he was interested in promoting was the federal aid to impacted areas bill.

This adds about \$40,000 each year to the Hoke County general fund, he said. Out of this, teacher's supplements are paid.

"This is the only federal money we get that doesn't have strings attached to it," he said. "But it is an annual battle in Congress. We have to lobby for it each year."

Aside from education bills, the schoolmen discussed state concerns in general, he said.

Abernethy met with seventh Congressional District Representative Alton A. Lennon for about a half hour and then talked to him later at the luncheon. They discussed the redistricting of the state and also discussed the federal revenue sharing proposal, Abernethy said.

Abernethy also met with David Henderson, Third Congressional District Representative. Under the plan presently in the state legislature, Hoke County will remain in the 7th District but there has been speculation that it might be shifted to the 3rd. Abernethy said he was acquainted with Rep. Henderson and had taught his children in school.



SHOOTING SCENE - Deputy Robert Graham and Sheriff D.M. Barrington (center facing camera) investigate the shooting death of a Greensboro man at the Marshall Parks service station at McCain.

Parks Charged With Murder In Shooting At Station

A Greensboro man was shot and killed Saturday evening at a service station near McCain and the station owner has been charged with murder.

Martin Luther Weirins, 37, of 3831 Apt. A, Overland Heights, Greensboro, was shot once through the left side of his chest.

Marshall Lloyd Parks, 39, of Rt. 3, Raeford was charged with murder in connection with the shooting.

According to a statement made by Parks to Sheriff D.M. Barrington, a vehicle bearing Weirins, his wife, Shirley, Tommy Russell Locklear and his wife, Frances Marie, all of Greensboro, pulled into the Texaco station about 7 p.m.

Mrs. Locklear, the driver of the car, and Mrs. Weirins got out of the car, Barrington said Parks told him, and asked him to check the oil. They also asked directions to the rest room and went inside the station.

Two Teachers Lose Homes In Fayetteville Tornado

Two Upchurch School teacher's homes were destroyed Monday in the tornado that struck Fayetteville.

Mrs. Jessie McNeill, seventh grade language arts teacher and Mrs. Priscilla Parker, seventh grade science teacher, lost almost all their belongings in the disaster.

Mrs. Parker's home was completely demolished, Lonnie Bledsoe, Upchurch principal, said. Mrs. McNeill's house was severely damaged and most of her furnishings was ruined by the heavy rains that accompanied the tornado.

Faculty and staff members at Upchurch have begun a fund for the two teachers and Tuesday raised more than \$500, Bledsoe said. Letters were sent home with Upchurch students to notify parents who might want to make contributions.

Money and food items are being gratefully accepted, he said. Check may be made payable to Upchurch School and designated for the tornado fund.

Both teachers lived on Cascade Street in Fayetteville. No one was injured at either home, Bledsoe said.

Josef Privette, music director at Raeford Presbyterian Church, lost his car in the tornado. He was visiting Dr. Willis Hood at the Veteran's Hospital in

Parks told Sheriff Barrington that he noticed the two men, who were still in the car, drinking beer. Parks, who has an off - premises beer sales license, asked the men not to drink at his station, as he might lose his license if they were found drinking there, Barrington said.

An argument started and Locklear reached on the floor of the car and then got out of the vehicle, Barrington said. Parks, who was armed with a .38 pistol, hit Locklear in the face with the gun, cutting him on the cheek. In his statement, Parks said that Weirins got out of the car bearing a knife. Parks fired his pistol once in the air, he said, but Weirins swung at him with the knife. Parks told Barrington that he fired at Weirins, who fell backwards. He then fired at Locklear but missed, Parks said.

Parks was released on \$15,000 bond pending a hearing in District Court Friday.

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Fayetteville and had left the auto only minutes before the tornado struck. The car was turned upside down by the winds, and severely damaged Privette said.

Mrs. McLauchlin Buried Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Flora McLauchlin were held Sunday at Raeford Presbyterian Church by the Rev. John C. Ropp. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

Mrs. McLauchlin, who was 98, died Friday. She was the widow of the late W.B. McLauchlin.

She is survived by nieces and nephews. Mrs. McLauchlin, long a resident of Raeford, has lived for the last several years in the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro.

She was noted as a musician both here and at the home. Taught by her mother as a child and later schooled in music, Mrs. McLauchlin taught music here and played the organ for church services.

Pallbearers were Robert Gatlin, Jim Williamson, Graham Monroe, June Johnson, Doug McLeod and Kerr Stevens.

According to a statement made by Mrs. Weirins, the group had visited relatives in Fayetteville, Lumberton and St. Pauls and were returning to Greensboro Saturday night. They stopped at a service station somewhere in Hoke County where they bought gas and beer. They stopped at Park's station on N.C. 211 to have the oil checked and use the rest room.

Mrs. Weirins said she and Mrs. (See PARKS, Page 11)

Outstanding 4-H's Named At Program

Theresa McCrany, Robert Attaway, Julia Barnwell and Lawrence Willis shared honors as the most outstanding 4-H's in the county and the Rockfish N - B - Teen was named the most outstanding club at the 4 - H Achievement Program last Thursday.

Miss Brenda Abrams presented the awards for most outstanding junior girl and boy to Miss McCrany and Attaway. The senior award went to Miss Barnwell and Willis. T.C. Jones, chairman of the county commission, presented the club award to the Rockfish group.

Junior health king and queen crowns went to Theresa McCrany and Kenneth Barnes. Cathy Newton and David Willis were named senior king and queen.

Special awards were presented by Wendell Young, county extension chairman. Bobby Ray and Theresa McCrany received the I Dare You award. Julia Barnwell won the Key Award. The Home Economics Award went to Marilyn Barnes and the Agricultural Award was presented to David Willis. Robert Attaway and Theresa McCrany received the Achievement Award.

Barbara Plummer and Lawrence Willis were chosen as delegates to the Citizenship Shortcourse in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Talmadge Baker formerly assistant agricultural extension agent here and now Moore County extension chairman, presented the awards to the county project champions.

Achievement winners were: Ronald Ellis and William Barnwell, bicycle safety; Sue Gibson, child care; Robert Attaway and Becky Pope, clothing I; Marilyn Barnes, clothing II; Cathy Newton,

Hoke County's official population in the 1970 census was 16,436, up 0.5 percent from the 1960 figure of 16,356, the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, reports.

The official population of the state was 5,082,059, up 11.5 percent from the 1960 population count, which was 4,556,155.

The 1970 census counted 7,460 white persons in Hoke County, 45.4 percent of the total; 7,222 negroes, and 1,754 persons of other races. In 1960, 42.6 percent of the population was white.

The census showed 1,660 children under 5 years; 5,492 in ages 5 through 17; 8,165 people 18 through 64; and 1,119 who were 65 and older. The population 14 years and over included 6,492 married people, 892 who were widowed, 176 divorced, and 3,472 never married.

Hoke County's 1970 population was classified as 19.3 percent urban, and 80.7 percent rural.

There were 3,969 households, with 15,787 persons, including 428 one - person households. In addition 649 persons were living in group quarters.

The 1970 census counted 4,314 housing units in Hoke County, 2,675 of them occupied by owners, 1,294 occupied by tenants, and 345 vacant. These included vacant units for seasonal use. The proportion occupied by owners in 1970 was 62.0 percent, compared with 46.9 percent in 1960.

Among year - round dwelling units there were 3,918 single family houses, 162 housing units in multi - unit buildings, and 231 mobile homes or trailers. The percentage of occupied units with more than one person per room was 21.7, compared with 31.9 in 1960. Of all the occupied housing units, 2,712 had piped water, toilet, and bath, while 1,257 lacked some or all plumbing.

The median value of owner - occupied houses in Hoke County was \$9,600, compared with \$6,300 in 1960. The median rent paid by tenants in 1970 was \$43 per month, compared with \$41 in 1960. Half were over and half below the median figures.

These results are from two 1970 census advance reports for the state: PC (V2), general population characteristics, and HC (V1), general housing characteristics. The reports, which contain additional 1970 census data for the state and various areas within it, may be purchased at nominal prices from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or from offices of the U.S. Department of Commerce in major cities.

Further reports giving more extensive statistics on the characteristics of the population and housing will be published in future months as the 1970 census results are tabulated.

clothing III; Julia Barnwell, communications; Charles Willis, crafts and Barbara Jones, dog care and training.

Also winning were Barbara Plummer, food preservation; Linda James, adventures in the kitchen; Dianne Riddle, foods, nutrition I; Barbara Jones, foods, nutrition II; Theresa McCrany, breads and cereals; Marilyn Barnes, baking; Robert Attaway, forestry; Jane Barnes, community beautification; Julia Barnwell, and Barbara Plummer, home furnishings; Paul Barnes and Lawrence Willis, livestock; Debra Scarborough and Robert Attaway, management; Terri Tyler, Barbara Plummer and Robert Attaway, personal appearance.

Other winners were: Jo Ann Register and Jennie Monroe, photography; Robert Attaway, poultry; Debra Scarborough, recreation; Charles McGowan, safety; Larry Chason, tractor; and David Willis, wildlife.

The electric awards were presented by Joe Sinclair, Agricultural engineer for CP&L, to Jennie Monroe, Douglas Abernethy, Robert Attaway and Jane Barnes.

The attendance award went to the Rockfish N - B - Teens.

Cubs To Race Mini-cars Fri.

The Pinebox Derby, sponsored by the Cub Scouts will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

The miniature car race is an annual event for the Cubs.