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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

W.K. Morgan, director of the summer recreation program for Hoke County, reminds all softball managers about the meeting at Upchurch Gym next Monday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. All managers or representatives must be present at this meeting if a team is to compete in the league this year.

Morgan stated that league play would get underway on Tuesday, May 11th.

While on the subject of softball, we understand that some team managers and owners are using all kind of methods to sign players to their teams. Now we always were under the impression that the softball was for recreation and fun, but after hearing a few remarks in the past couple of weeks we have come to the conclusion that it is a dog eat dog affair. If you want more information on this subject talk to Bobby Carter, C.D. Bounds, Frank Teal, Benny McLeod or Wyatt Upchurch.

Palmer Willcox, president of the Hoke-Raeford Chamber of Commerce, states that the annual chamber banquet will be held Tuesday night, May 11, 1971 at seven o'clock at the W.T. Gibson Cafeteria. The speaker for the occasion will be Lt. Gov. H.P. (Pat) Taylor of Wadesboro. Willcox wanted to announce the meeting early so that clubs and organizations would leave this date open for the affair. Harold Gillis, chamber manager, said that further information concerning the banquet would be forthcoming in the near future.

The snow last Thursday night came as a surprise to the writer. We have seen snow fall later in the spring than March 25, but can't remember it staying on the ground as long as the snow last Thursday. With the rain that came with the Monday we expect that the farmers will have to wait another week before getting into the fields. As one man stated Monday this could be a good thing because corn and soybean seed are very short this year and if they hadn't been planted, chances are that they wouldn't have come up. So maybe everything works for the best.

Golfers, take notice of two golf tournaments that are on tap for April and May. The first will be played at the Raeford Par 3 course and will be for the benefit of the Hoke County Rescue Squad. Play will begin April 12 and the tournament will conclude on April 18.

The other tournament is the annual Lions Club tournament that will be played at the Arabia Golf Club on May 15 and 16. Don't forget these tournaments!

Tom Howell was by the office Tuesday and asked us to remind everyone about the Key Club Bar-B-Q supper at the W.T. Gibson School Cafeteria tonight (Thursday) April 1 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and lasting until 7:30 p.m. If you want a good meal and want to help a club to raise money for their projects go out tonight with the entire family and eat Bar-B-Q.

Col. David B. McFadden, Jr., who is Assistant Chief of Staff, G5 at Ft. Bragg and in charge of the Army assistance program here, spoke to the Kiwanis Club last week.

He explained some of the historical precedents of this program, saying that the Army has helped a good deal in the building of our nation. Some examples he gave were the explorations of Lewis and Clark, both Army men, and the Army's part in the building of the Washington Monument, and the Capitol.

Then he told some of the things the Army was trying to do to assist programs suggested by the county residents here. He also stressed that the Army was having to move rather slowly and avoid infringing on any private enterprise.

Mayor Proclaims April Poultry Products Month

Raeford mayor, John K. McNeill, has designated April as Poultry Products Month in Hoke County.

In a proclamation signed this week, Mayor McNeill said: Whereas, the poultry industry is of great importance to the economy of Hoke County, with our state ranking third in the nation in turkey production, fourth in commercial broiler production and third in egg production; and Whereas, commercial broiler production brings producers the second highest commodity income in the state, surpassed only by tobacco; and Whereas, the poultry industry not only provides employment for many people in Hoke County but supplies a basic human need, food;

Therefore, I proclaim April 1971 Poultry Products Month in Hoke County and commend this observance to our citizens.

By the Mayor: John K. McNeill

Two Men Killed In Headon Crash With Dump Truck On 401 Bypass

Girl Accuses Man Of Rape

A Richmond County man has been accused of the rape of an 11-year-old girl here last Friday night.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington said Tuesday that a warrant charging statutory rape had been issued for Johnny McLendon, 28, of Ellerbe.

Sheriff Barrington said the accusation was made Saturday by the girl's mother. She told him that McLendon was visiting at her house Friday. McLendon raped the child while the mother was washing clothes at a washerette, she said.

Sheriff Barrington said that statutory rape is a charge that applies to sexual intercourse with any female child under the age of 12.

McClendon had not been arrested Tuesday but the sheriff said he expected to arrest him soon. A warrant had been sent to the Richmond County sheriff.

Cow Stolen, Found Sat.

A cow was stolen Saturday night near the Robeson County line and recovered later that night near McCain.

The cow was reported stolen from the pasture of Lewis McNeill of Rt. 4, Red Springs, Sheriff D.M. Barrington said. A description of the vehicle used in the theft was given to the sheriff's department and Deputy Sam Motley stopped a truck of that type near McCain, recovered the cow and arrested the driver, Sheriff D.M. Barrington said.

Arrested in connection with the theft was Richard L. Adkins of Rt. 2, Cameron. He was released on \$500 bond pending trial in district court.

Sr. Citizens To Tour Tues.

The Raeford Friendship Club (Senior Citizens) will meet on the street to the right of the Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m. next Tuesday to go on a tour of Jug Town.

Transportation fee for each member will be 50 cents. Members are asked to bring a sandwich lunch and to wear comfortable shoes.

City Workers Attend School

Two city employees are attending schools this week.

Jimmy Riley, policeman, will graduate from a basic law enforcement course at Fayetteville Technical Institute next week.

Riley has been attending the 120-hour course for the past four weeks.

Monroe Williams, city housing administrator, is attending a course on housing conducted by the Department of Local Affairs in Raleigh this week.

Open House At South Hoke

South Hoke Elementary School will hold its annual Open House April 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Parents and friends are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to parents who will have children attending South Hoke next year for the first time.



TWO DIE - Two elderly men were killed Friday when this car hit a state highway dump truck near the Rockfish Creek bridge on 401 Bypass. Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Stanley is shown at the scene.

Hoke Teenagers Place Three Wanted In Fine Arts Festival

Two Hoke students placed in the North Carolina Fine Arts Festival at UNC-G in Greensboro Saturday.

Kenny Davis won second place in the male vocal competition and Suzanne Jordan received honorable mention in the 7-8-9th grade art division.

The festival was sponsored by the NC Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Kenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, placed second to a contestant from West Virginia who is a student at the North Carolina School of Performing Arts in Winston-Salem.

Kenny has belonged to the Raeford Boys Choir, the Hoke High Choral, the Brass Ensemble, and the Hoke High Band. He has studied piano five years. Kenny has attended the UNC - Chapel Hill choral workshop for two years and has attended three all-state chorus and four district festivals.

Kenny was first place winner in the local and district Woman's Club Fine Arts Festival.

He was accompanied by Kathy Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Davis. Kathy has completed nine years of piano study and has been accompanist for

Registration For First Grade April 5, 6, 7

Next fall's first graders are reminded to register for school April 5, 6 or 7 at either Scurlock, J.W. McLaughlin or West Hoke. Registration will be held from 8:30 to 3 p.m.

Children who are 6 years old before October 16 are eligible to attend school. Children who are 7 years old before October 16 are required to attend.

This year for the first time, children who are registered during the pre-school period will be given an appointment for a free physical examination. Details of this service will be given to parents on the day of pre-registration at the school.

Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and a copy of the child's immunization record to the school.

Dundarrach Plans Revival

Revival services will be held at Dundarrach Presbyterian Church at 7:30 each evening April 5-11, except Saturday evening.

Dr. Cheves Ligon, executive secretary of Fayetteville Presbytery will be the guest speaker. There will be special music.

the Raeford Boys Chorus, the Hoke High Choral and Chorus and the Raeford Elementary Mixed Chorus.

She has attended the UNC - Chapel Hill summer workshop for one year and has received a Superior rating at the district piano festival. Kathy is a member of the National Honor Society.

Suzanne Jordan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R.M. Jordan, received honorable mention in the art contest for grades 7, 8 and 9.

She has studied art for the past four years with Mrs. George Wilcox and Mrs. Ann Wright.

Suzanne also belongs to the Upchurch Chorus and Band and is a piano student.

County Buys Landfill Site

The county has completed purchase of a 60-acre landfill site and an easement from state road 1302 to build a road to it.

The landfill site was purchased March 12 for \$11,612.91. The site was purchased from Mrs. M.L. McKeithan. County officials expect a grant from Advancement, Inc. for part of the costs.

Arrangements for an easement across the Chaffee Steele property to the landfill were completed last week. The county paid \$600 for the half-mile right-of-way to build a road to the property.

Main Street Parking Draws Complaints

City police have received complaints from some Main Street merchants about downtown workers parking on Main Street.

John Gaddy, city manager, said that some merchants have complained about parking space for customers being used by employees from other stores.

"We are doing everything we can to help the merchants keep space for customers," Gaddy said, "but it is going to take co-operation from everyone."

There is no law, he pointed out, that designates parking space on Main Street for shoppers. However, he said, it was in the best interests of businesses there for parking space to be available.

Gaddy said the city is asking store owners and employees to park off Main Street.

Three Wanted For Forgery

Three men wanted for forgery wrecked their car during a chase by the Highway Patrol and sheriff's deputies and escaped on foot Friday afternoon.

Charles McRae, Barry King and James Lee Harris of McCain were being chased in connection with forgeries in Hoke County and the attempted passing of a forged check and assault in Moore County.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington said two forged checks were passed at A.G. Walter's grocery on NC 211 and one at Byrd's Grocery in Ashley Heights.

The three men are accused of trying to pass a forged check at a store in Moore County and then beating the storekeeper.

Highway Patrolmen and sheriff's deputies were chasing the trio in a 1965 car Friday afternoon. Sheriff Barrington said. The car wrecked but the men fled.

Warrants have been issued for their arrest.

Rescue Squad Fund Climbs

Contributions to the Hoke County Rescue Squad total \$3,335.75.

The most recent contributions are:

Mrs. Jaye O. Baker - \$25, Avery Connell Insurance Agency - \$20, David S. Currie, Jr. - \$20, Tommy Teal - \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Dixon - \$25, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Meeks - \$10, W.D. Brown - \$10, Dr. and Mrs. R.G. Townsend, Jr. - \$25, Danny Morrison - \$25, Clyde Leach - \$25.

Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce - \$25, Quality Auto Supply Co. - \$20, Woman's Club Horse Show - \$25, Mrs. Neill A. McDonald - \$10, Mrs. Marcus R. Smith - \$5, McDonald's Tire Recapping - \$35, Louise G. - \$5, Mrs. J.M. Andrews - \$5, Checker Board Speedway - \$227.50.

Knit-Away Acquires New Knitting Plant

The merger of Knit - Away, Inc. of Raeford and Carroll Knits, Inc. of Eden was announced this week by Richard P. Bruce, Jr. president of Knit - Away and William L. Carroll of Carroll Knits.

Knit - Away will operate Carroll Knits as a wholly owned subsidiary. Carroll will join Knit - Away as vice president and director and will continue in his position as president of Carroll Knits with full responsibility for the knitting production

A car crashed head-on into a state highway truck on U.S. 401 Bypass Friday morning, killing two men and injuring three other occupants in the car.

Killed in the wreck were Britton Jones, 60, of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge and Henry Morgan, 70, of Rt. 2, Raeford.

The injured were Elijah Handon of Lumber Bridge, Bernice Locklear, known as "Jelly Bean," of Rt. 1, Shannon and Albert Kirk of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge.

The state highway dump truck was being used to scrape snow from the road after the late - spring snowfall last Thursday night.

The car, a 1956 Pontiac driven by Handon, was traveling north on 401, Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Stanley said, when it crossed the center line and crashed into the truck near the Rockfish Creek bridge about 9:55 a.m. Friday.

The driver of the truck, James Archie Smith of Raeford, was not injured.

Handon has been charged with failing to drive on the right half of the highway. Further charges are pending, Stanley said.

The two deaths are the third and fourth traffic fatalities in the county this year.

Five Teens Hurt In Two-Car Crash

Five Rockfish teenagers were injured in a two-car collision at Prospect Extended and 401-A about midnight Saturday night.

Two youngsters were hospitalized at Womack Army Hospital. They are Jimmy Hendren, a Hoke High junior, and Wanda Grant, a senior at Hoke High.

Treated and released were Hoke High students, Mike Swart, a freshman and Linda Hendren, a junior. Roy Hayward, an eighth grade student at Upchurch, was also treated and released.

They were injured when their car, driven by Jimmy Hendren, crashed head-on with the vehicle driven by Glen McInnis of Shannon. McInnis turned left off 401-A toward N.C. 20, directly into the path of the Hendren car, Highway Patrol Trooper Joe Stanley said.

McInnis was charged with driving under the influence. Further charges are pending, Stanley said.

Car Burns On S. Main

An engine fire severely damaged a car on South Main Street Saturday morning.

The fire is believed to have started in the carburetor, J.D. McMillan, chief of Raeford's fire department said. He described the damage to the auto's wiring and motor as severe.

Mrs. Harry Daniels of the county was driving the car when it caught fire just south of the A&P Store about 11:15 a.m. A city fire truck stopped the blaze.

Car Overtakes By Cemetery

A car overturned by Raeford Cemetery about midnight Sunday.

James Howard Hayes, 17, of Raeford was turning left onto Edinborough from Crawford Street when his car flipped over in a ditch at the edge of the cemetery, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

Hayes was charged with exceeding a safe speed and with failing to stop for a stop sign.

The car was a total loss, Chief Stanton said, but there were no injuries.

No Projects

Bids totaling \$15,842,368.39 were received last week by the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly letting.

There were 33 road projects in 50 counties involving more than 668 miles of road construction.

No projects in Hoke County were included.