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Around Town

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The new feature, "Speak Up" that was started last week in this paper seems to have made a hit with the readers. We have received many replies to the questions and the results will be given next week. You don't have to sign your name to the answers, just mark and either mail or stop by the office and drop them in the box marked "Speak Up."

If you have a question on which you want the opinion of the local people, send it to us and we will publish it. We would like for all our readers to "Speak Up" on all questions.

The picture of the 1915 baseball team seemed to be appreciated by many of our readers. The only thing about this picture is that most people who could help identify some of the spectators have gone on to their home in the sky. Several years ago you could call up certain people in the county and get information of the early 1900s but it is almost impossible to do so now. We like to see old pictures and also like to run them in the paper. If you have one around the house bring it by the office. The picture will not be hurt and will be returned.

The footprints on the sidewalk Monday have caused a number of people to stop by and inquire as to what they were put there for? They are to show Tar Heels going to the library during National Library Week. Posters are on display around town and you can also return overdue books back to the library this week without a fine.

One name was omitted from the library committee and that was Mrs. Harless Wright. She has done many posters and her work is appreciated by all who are helping with this project.

We received a letter this week from Rep. Gus Spero and what it means we don't know; but we will pass the information along to you. Gus writes that a bill has been introduced to repeal the charter of Dundarrach. If anyone doesn't want this to happen, please get in touch with Spero immediately. You can write him at the State Legislature Building, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Womble of Burlington were by the office last week to renew their subscription to the paper. This was the first time we had talked with Reba and Johnny for a number of years. It always makes us feel good to talk to former high school friends. We appreciated the visit and hope they will come back again.

Come To Open House Hoke County Library Friday, April 23 4-6 p.m.

Breakin At Lake Cabin

A man was spotted Saturday afternoon breaking into the cottage at Lake Elizabeth owned by W.P. Saunders.

Bill Smith of Raeford saw a man entering the cabin about 3 p.m. Saturday. Sheriff D.M. Barrington and Deputy Alex Norton investigated the break - in and took fingerprints. The man fled before the officers arrived.

Nothing was reported missing from the house.

Boosters To Meet

Officers will be elected Monday night when the Hoke High Booster Club meets at 8 p.m. at the high school.

In addition to the election, Charlie Hottel, president, said that plans will be discussed for the annual Booster banquet.

Saving Time Begins Sunday

Don't forget to set your clock ahead this weekend for Daylight Saving Time. The clock changes Saturday night so set the clock ahead one hour before you go to bed that night and you'll be on time Sunday morning.

Daylight Saving Time is observed from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October.



C. D. BOUNDS

Dinner Starts Cancer Crusade

The 1971 Crusade for Cancer Week will kick off with a supper at W.T. Gibson School next Tuesday night at 7.

C.D. Bounds, chairman of the Hoke County cancer fund drive, announced plans for the week to be held April 25 to May 2.

Guest speaker at the opening dinner will be Richard Buell, vice - president of North Carolina Bank.

Bounds said the goal this year is \$2,500. The dinner will be \$2.50 a plate.

Committee chairmen were also named this week. They are Vardell Hedgpeth, chairman of the business committee; Mrs. Avery Connell and Mrs. Frank Crumpler, chairmen of the industry committee; Miss Brenda Abrams, chairman of the county; Larry Long, publicity committee chairman; Mrs. Phil Diehl, bake sale chairman and Phil Diehl, treasurer.

A bake sale will be held April 29 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Southern National Bank.

Truck, Car In Flames Seven In Car Injured

Seven occupants of a car were injured Friday night when a transport truck crashed into the rear of the car, exploding the gas tank and burning up both vehicles.

The injured were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital, where they were treated and released. Injured were Mrs. Prunell McNeill Monroe, 39, of Raeford; Annie Ruth Monroe, 18; Brenda Monroe, 15; Loretta Monroe, 13; Joe McNeill, 18; Earl Dockery, 16; and John Love, 16.

The car was stopped at a stoplight at the corner of Prospect Ave. and Main

League Filled

Two Teams Refused For Lack Of Facilities

Two prospective softball teams were turned down for the summer league here for lack of facilities, W.K. Morgan said.

Four new teams applied for the league and there was space for only two, he said. The teams drew straws to decide who would be admitted to the league.

"I am very concerned that we had to turn down teams because we don't have enough fields," Morgan said.

The new teams are Raeford Fire Department and A&P. The two that were refused were Hoke County Jaycees and McNair's Cleaners.

The league will be composed of teams sponsored by Carter's Tire, Raeford Oil Company (formerly Presbyterians), Piney Grove, House of Raeford, Hoke Concrete, Bargain Motors, A&P and Raeford Fire Department.

Morgan said the recreation committee met with representatives at Ft. Bragg last week. The committee and Mayor John K. McNeill have also sent a letter expressing appreciation for the interest the Army has shown in helping with recreation.

Mayor, Council Are Unopposed

Raeford city government will continue with little interruption from the city elections scheduled May 4, as the mayor and five city councilmen are running unopposed for re - election.

Mayor John K. McNeill and councilmen Hester Garrison, Graham Clark, Crawford Thomas, Jr., Franklin Teal and J.D. McMillian all filed for office last week.

McNeill is seeking his second term as mayor. Councilmen Thomas, Garrison and Clark are also running for a second term. Teal has served three terms on the council and McMillian has served seven terms.

County Manager Says

Tax Rate To Stay At \$1.50 If State Takes Over Medicaid

Superior Court Convenes Judge Cooper To Preside

Criminal Superior Court begins a week - long session Monday with Judge Thomas D. Cooper, Jr. presiding.

A dozen cases, so far, are scheduled to be heard by the grand jury. If indictments are returned, the cases are set for trial during this session.

The grand jury will pass on two charges against Gregory A. Conner of breaking, entering and larceny; William James McLean, forgery and passing a forged check; James Jones, felonious breaking and entering; Johnny Lee Harris, breaking, entering and larceny and Hubert Lowery, Jr., murder.

Also scheduled to be heard by the grand jury are cases against Stafford Junior Locklear, John Wayne Locklear and Bobby Locklear of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Joe Walter Lowery and Bobby Graham, discharging firearms into an occupied building.

Several appeals from District Court are scheduled for trial Monday. These include charges of violation of prohibition laws by George Hollingsworth, Bertha Hollingsworth and Louise M. Morris.

Other cases set for trial on Monday include David Earl Locklear, stop sign violation and driving while license was revoked; Ledbetter Jacobs, Jr., driving while license was revoked and resisting arrest; Lawrence Shaw, Jr., careless and reckless driving; Jim Bright Boahn, driving while license was revoked and James Earl Locklear, driving under the influence.

If an indictment is returned by the grand jury, Hubert Lowery, Jr. is scheduled to go on trial for murder Tuesday. He is charged with the shotgun slaying of Bobby Strong near Antioch.

Also scheduled for trial on Tuesday if they are indicted by the grand jury are William James McLean, forgery and passing a forged check; Gregory A. Conner, breaking, entering and larceny; James Jones, felonious breaking and entering and Johnny Lee Harris, breaking, entering and larceny.

Two cases continued from the last session of Superior Court are set for trial Tuesday. They are Herman Junior Walter, charged with eight counts of breaking, entering and larceny stemming from a series of house break - ins this past winter, and Harry Nelson McNeill, charged with larceny.

Appeals from District Court are set for trial Wednesday. Included are Ronald Eugene Taylor, non - support; Johnnie Scott, assault, Luther McRae, driving under the influence; John Henry LeGrande, Jr., driving while license was revoked and Willie Odell Ross, driving under the influence and driving while license was revoked.

Cases scheduled for Thursday include Glenn W. Wood, charged with false pretenses; Willie Kelly, assault and James Willie Leach, public drunk and resisting or obstructing an officer.

Motions are scheduled in several cases Thursday. These include Bobby Strong who was to be tried this term for two assault charges; L.Z. Ellerby, larceny; Walter Douglas, assault with intent to commit rape; Pete Junior Brunson, non - support and Ralph Couch, breaking, entering and larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Sci Fa hearings, to determine forfeiture of bonds are scheduled for Klaus E. Kolb, charged with breaking, entering and larceny and receiving stolen goods; James Pearly Wall, Jr., DUI; Neal Archie Holmes, DUI and Phillip James Thomson, N.C. General Statute 14-135 violation.

The trial calendar for each day will be called at 9:30 a.m. with all attorneys and defendants requested to be present. All cases not reached for trial on the day scheduled will remain for trial on a day to day basis unless they are continued by

the court or by the consent of the state and defendant.

The list of prospective jurors was announced this week by the clerk's office. A total of 54 names were drawn for jury duty in the criminal session.

Those selected for jury duty are G.R. Autry, Willie James Breeden, Lonnie Locklear, Jr., Louvenia Melvin Jackson, Shelba Huffman Wilson, Lois N. Padgett, Mary Frances McLaughlin, Mrs. Pearl Livingston Blue, Pricella Stelle, Ellen McLean Graham, George Evans, George Edward Borddock, Dorothy Deaver Bounds, Palmer Matthew Oldham and Barbara Jean Williams.

Also selected were Hermon Cummings, Lena Blue Woodard, John J. Townsend, Nathaniel Purcell, Jr., John H. McLean, Peter James McNair, Mrs. B.B. Cole, Alex Whitted, Betty Jean Jones, Lawrence Demont Long, Jessie Johnson, Mrs. Meare Bostic, Delton Smith Ivey, Lacy Dickson McFadyen, Charlie Dixon, Jane Huckabee Hedgpeth, Christina Baldwin, Dora Townsend, Kathryn Thomas McLeod, Clyde Lee Hough, Raymond McNair, Walter Frank Currie, Bernice Tew, Mary Alice Baldwin, John McKinnon, Jessie L. Black, Nat R. Faulk, Grace Herring Mason and Annie Brown Alston.

Others are Lee Margie Carpenter, Mary McNeill, Martha Wade, Harold D. Monroe, Lois Alexander Austin, Wesley Gene Miller, Eva C. Leach, Mrs. James C. Stewart, Bryan L. McLamb and Edward Aiden Manning.

Car Hits Tree

A one - car accident between Pine Hill Church and Ashley Heights was reported Saturday night by Highway Patrol Trooper C.A. Bennett.

Eldon Junior Nealy of Rt. 3, Raeford was driving north on rural road 1228 about 10:30 Saturday night. According to Trooper Bennett, Nealy passed another car and then lost control of his vehicle as he returned to his lane. The car skidded 300 feet and crashed into a pine tree. No one was injured but the car was estimated as a total loss.

Nealy was charged with exceeding a safe speed.

Plans Bake Sale

A bake sale for the Hoke County Cancer Society will be held April 29 at Southern National Bank beginning at 1 p.m.

Anyone who wants to donate a cake, pie or other baked goods is asked to bring the item, already priced, to Southern National Bank that day.

City Allotted Powell Funds

Raeford will receive \$20,498.74 this year under the Powell Bill allocation, the State Highway Commission announced last week.

This figure is based on mileage on the state highway system within the city

The county commissioners set a tentative budget Monday night of \$629,353.16, with the hope of keeping the present tax rate if the state takes over the cost of Medicaid.

"We think we can keep the present rate of \$1.50 per hundred dollar valuation if the state takes over the county's share of Medicaid costs," county manager T.B. Lester said. "If they don't we will need to raise the rate ten or eleven cents."

By law, the tentative budget is open for public inspection at the county manager's office for 20 days before it is adopted. However, Lester said the budget could not be set this year until the state legislature acts on funding the Medicaid costs.

"We have to wait and see what the state legislature is going to do with their budget," he said. "We can't approve a budget that may be ten or eleven cents off."

Lester said he hoped to have the county budget approved by mid-May.

This year's budget increased by more than \$60,000 over last year's. The 1970 - 71 county budget was \$568,892.87, but \$30,000 of that was earmarked for the addition to the county health center.

Medicaid and social services costs account for the largest part of the increase this year, Lester said. Last year, the county's share of the social services budget was \$172,789.68. This year a total of \$204,676 has been requested and more may be added to the request before the budget is set. Lester explained that the county's share is determined largely by standards set by state and federal requirements.

Medicaid costs last year were budgeted at \$28,711, although the county ran short of funds and had to transfer other social services money into the account. This year, the request for Medicaid is \$47,368.

Aid to dependent children was increased this year in the tentative budget from \$17,400 last year to \$25,096. Increases were also requested in old age assistance from \$8,100 to \$10,755 and in aid to the totally disabled from \$6,912 to \$7,353.

Several new expenses were added to the tentative budget this year, Lester pointed out. Some of these are industrial training, \$2,461.68; Region "N", \$2,500; recreation program \$2,500; comprehensive health planning \$1,000; sanitary landfill \$10,000, and law and order equipment, \$1,000.

The industrial training program is a work - study school program, he said. The county is planning to use one ICT student at the landfill and one distributive education student at the health center. The DE student, also a new expense, will require \$1,130.

Salary increases also accounted for part of the budget increase.

"Almost everyone got a little raise," Lester said. The raises range from seven per cent down for employes paid solely with county funds and from seven to twelve per cent for workers paid with state and county funds. Lester explained

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TENDER CARE - W.K. Morgan plants a flower at Upchurch during school beautification day.

Speak Up

The polls are closed and the ballots are being counted for last week's question on the Vietnam war. The results will be announced in next week's paper.

This week readers can speak up on a question of local interest, so get out your pencils, mark your ballots and get them in the The News - Journal by next Wednesday. You may mail them to Box 550 or bring them in to the Speak Up box on the counter. Please, only one ballot per person.

The merger of city and county governments is an issue that is emerging across the nation, although few mergers have taken place. Those who favor the question say that two governments are wasteful and that services are duplicated. City residents object to paying both city and county tax to support two police departments, two governing boards, two administrators and the like.

Opponents point out that urban and rural interests differ and are often directly opposed. City and county residents should have the protection of government that looks after each interest.

Question: I am in favor of the merging of governments here for the city of Raeford and the county of Hoke.

- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - No opinion
- Question: I feel that the residents of the city and county get a fair amount of services for the taxes assessed and that increases in services should be accompanied by increases in taxes.
- Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
 - No opinion