

Army Invasion Welcomed With Arms Open For Test

By Thomas D. Walker

JFK CENTER, FT. BRAGG, N.C. - "By this time next year you will have all had the skin test because the Army has invaded you."

Thus, remarked Second Lieutenant Darryl F. Johnson, a Special Forces medical officer, as he ended a 45-minute presentation on the dangers of tuberculosis to students at Hoke County High School. LT Johnson, 23, is a 1970 graduate of UCLA and has been working in Hoke County since March 24. His presence on the high school campus was prompted by discoveries made in the medical portion of the Ft. Bragg nation-building program in Hoke County.

Nation-building, initiated by Lieutenant General John J. Tolson Jr.,

former Ft. Bragg commander, is a program designed to provide vital training for military personnel, improve environmental conditions in the Nation and enhance a favorable Army image. Preliminary reports indicate that all three goals are being achieved.

When the first military liaison officer arrived in Hoke County toward the end of 1970, little did he know how important his coming would be. With just over 16,000 in population, this rural county situated 20 miles southwest of Ft. Bragg, depends primarily for its medical support on two resident physicians. Although partially aware of the TB problem, their offices are deluged with an average of 120-150 patients daily, leaving them little time to devote to public health requirements. The health

center, operated by the North Carolina Department of Health, is not staffed with a physician and, therefore, has been unable to cope with the critical health and sanitation problems through the county.

This area then - health and sanitation - was placed high on the priority list when it was learned that potential military aid existed. After accomplishing the necessary coordination with state and local officials, the plan of assistance began to unfold. A Special Forces doctor, Captain G. Thomas Reavell, 7th Special Forces Group, was assigned to the Hoke County Health Department as the medical liaison officer. With him came a team of four enlisted men to conduct preventive medicine surveys, water pollution tests, sick call clinics and

various immunization programs.

During the surveys it was discovered that the county was providing an excellent breeding place for the tuberculi bacteria. Immediately, steps were taken to revamp the center's tuberculosis files, administer the Tine Skin test in the elementary schools and conduct chest X-rays. Results of the skin tests supported initial fears - Hoke County had a high TB incident rate, 115 per 100,000 in 1970. That's an increase of nearly 50% over the 1968 rate. According to figures at the health center, the Hoke County rate is about four times higher than the North Carolina average.

Captain Reavell knew now that more had to be done. In addition to the skin tests and X-rays, he began formulating an education program which is designed to

inform the residents of the county as to how they can help themselves to diminish the problem. To this end, LT Johnson was added to the team.

The first phase of the education program meant a one-hour orientation for the Superintendent of Schools, principals and teachers in the Science and Physical Education Departments at the high school. After relating the results of the surveys and skin tests, explaining the scope of the training program and showing two films dealing with the problem, the team waited. They could provide only those services which were requested by the community and which did not interfere with private enterprise or create controversy with any factions in the county.

Five days later, the request came. Mrs.

Helen Dupree, head of the Science Department, was impressed with the orientation. Anxious to share it with students in her class, she asked the principal, Raz Autry, to arrange a TB clinic during the current school year. Subsequent visits to the County Boards of Education and Health resulted in the clinic being set up at the high school and rotated among the classrooms on a daily basis.

Lieutenant Johnson, assigned to the 7th Group last fall "jumped at the chance" to take part in the program. "I had no idea when I entered the Army eight months ago that I would be involved in something like this," he said. "I feel like I am doing something

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Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Reid Childress was by the office Monday and was telling us that he had started replanting his cotton. It seems that the cold nights have hurt the chances of the first planting. We don't know how many other farmers are replanting, but we expect many will have to replant. The prospects for a farmer making money these days are few and far between.

We were watching television the other night and the news was about the war protestors in Washington. We believe that these people want to form a new government in this country modeled after Russia. It seems to us that they want to be relieved of all responsibility and let someone else do the thinking and work for them.

We can remember back in the early 1930s when jobs were almost impossible to get, but most people would not go to the welfare department because of pride. Some people walked 6 to 8 miles a day to earn a dollar a day and they survived along with their families. We don't ever want to see another depression like those days, but maybe we will have to come to it to awaken the American people to what we have and what our country stands for.

We saw and fought against the countries that had dictators, Hitler and Mussolini to name a couple, and we are certain that this is not what our people want. So if this country is to remain as it is, the protestors should go home and stop rioting and preserve the freedom of all the people of this country.

We agree with the article taken from the Chicago Firefighters and pass it along to you:

That's The Chance He Takes In Joining

When the fire trucks are delayed 40 seconds in traffic, people say: "It took them 20 minutes to get here." When the truck races at 40 m.p.h. it's "Look at those reckless fools." When four men struggle with an eight-man ladder, "They don't even know how to raise a ladder." When the firemen open windows for ventilation to reduce heat in fighting a fire:

"Look at the wrecking crew." When they open the floor to get the blaze: "There goes the ax squad." If the Chief stands back where he can see and direct his men, people say: "He's afraid to go where he sends his men."

If they lose a building: "It's a lousy department." If they make a good "stop," folks say: "The fire didn't amount to much." If lots of water is necessary: "They are doing more damage with water than the flames." If a fireman gets hurt: "He was a careless guy." If a citizen gets hurt: "It's a crazy department." If a fireman inspects a citizen's property: "He's meddling in somebody's business."

If he wants a fire hazard corrected: "I'll see the mayor." If he gets killed and leaves a family destitute: "That's the chance he took when he joined the fire department." (Chicago Firefighter)

Don't forget the Lions Club's annual Golf tournament that will be played at the Arabia Golf Course May 15 and 16. See either Doug Wallace or Don Steed to sign up for the event.

Water: Residents Are Complaining

Council Studies Water Problems

The city council, meeting Monday night for the last session before being re-elected on city elections, Tuesday spent most of the meeting on the water problem.

They heard a preliminary proposal from Evan Manier, engineer of Moore, Gardner Associates, that is designed to upgrade the water source and supply, according to John Gaddy, city manager.

This will include from five to twelve additional wells and adequate feeder lines and will improve the present water treatment facility and storage plant, he said.

The council will meet again with engineers in about two weeks to hear final plans for improving the city's water service.

They also met with members of the Raeford Housing Authority and William Bostic, consultant for Sheetz and

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Two Break-Ins In County

Two break-ins in the county were reported to the sheriff's department this week.

A break-in at Walter Parks' store in Dundarrach was reported last Friday morning. The glass in the front door was removed, Sheriff D.M. Barrington said.

Goods missing from the store included shoes, jackets about 160 cartons of cigarettes and a watch.

A cabin at Timberland owned by Mrs. Myrtle Calloway of Winston-Salem was discovered broken into last Saturday morning. Goods missing included a portable television, a radio, three deer hides and a deer's head.

Robert Turner of Rockfish reported that his truck was shot and hit eight times on April 29 near the Five Points area.

Sheriff Barrington said Turner managed to see part of the license number of the vehicle from which the shots were fired and the sheriff's department is still investigating.

Taylor To Speak At Chamber Dinner

North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Pat Taylor will be the featured speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at the Gibson building cafeteria.

Taylor is a native of Wadesboro and practiced law there since 1948. He served in the Marine Corps in 1945-46 and again in the Korean War as a First Lieutenant.

He was a member of the North Carolina General Assembly from 1955 through 1966 and was Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1965-67.

An active civic leader, Taylor has served as chairman of the State Board of Mental Health, on the board of governors of the North Carolina Bar Association, on the Judicial Council, Municipal Study Commission, Commission on Educational Television, Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Symphony Society, Commission on the Reorganization of State Government, Co-chairman of the Legislative Research Commission and a member of the Courts Commission.

In 1961, the Bar Association presented him the Judge John J. Parker Award for outstanding performance in the field of jurisprudence.

Taylor is the son of the late Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Lieutenant Governor in 1949-53.

The Hoke High School Chorale,

Board Approves Application For Low Rent Housing Units

The county commissioners Monday approved an application for 400 units of public housing to be built in the county and entered into co-operative agreement with the Raeford Housing Authority to provide services to the units.

Meeting with the commissioners at their regular monthly session were Monroe Williams, city planner and zoning administrator and William Bostic, a consultant with Sheetz and Bradfield Architects, Inc.

Bostic who is serving as a consultant for the housing authority, presented the application to the commission and explained the co-operative agreement which the commission approved in a resolution. Bostic told the commissioners that he would submit the application and an application for 100 units for Raeford to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for approval and for planning grant.

However, he told them, there are now 50,000 units on application from North Carolina and funds for low rent housing have been frozen by the Nixon Administration. It may take as long as two years for the Hoke application to be

acted upon, he said, and then it is likely that only 40 or 50 per cent of the units requested will be approved.

The co-operative agreement between the county and the housing authority stipulates that the county will provide the same services to residents of the housing authority units that it does to other county residents. In return, the housing authority will return ten per cent of the income from the units to the county in lieu of taxes.

The commissioners also approved a resolution calling for bids for furniture at the health center and approved a request for office help from the veterans service officer.

After hearing letters from Jack Thompson, district solicitor, and from the administrator of the courts, they approved the purchase of several collections of law books.

Thompson asked for a set of the North Carolina General Statutes and a set of Strong's Index Second Edition, both to be kept at the solicitor's office.

The commissioners also agreed to provide matching funds and shelf space for several sets of law books requested by

Man Gets Kinder Sentence In Superior Court Appeal

Waymon L. Johnson, who appealed a year's active sentence from district court, received a \$50 fine and a six months suspended sentence during the April session of Superior Criminal Court that ended here last Thursday.

Johnson was sentenced in district court to six months for assault and six months for trespass and public drunkenness. At the appeal, he pleaded guilty to the

charges and was given a sentence of six months suspended for three years on the trespass charge. In addition, he was fined \$50 and costs and ordered not to go on the premises of the turkey plant.

Prayer for judgment was continued for three years on the other two charges.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Cooper presided at the session.

The grand jury returned seven true bills of indictment during this term.

Indicted were Gregory Conner, on two charges 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; Hubert Lowery, Jr., murder and Alfonso L. Willingham, carnal knowledge. McLean, Jones, and Harris were tried at this session of court.

McLean received prayer for judgment continued for five years upon payment of the costs for issuing a forged check. The forgery charge was not prosed.

Harris pleaded guilty to breaking, entering and larceny and prayer for judgment was continued until the August term. Bond was reduced to \$750.

Jones, who is already serving a term in prison, pleaded nolo contendere to

Mayor, Council Win New Terms

The mayor and city council, running unopposed, were re-elected Tuesday, with 68 voters casting ballots in the city election.

Mayor John K. McNeill and councilmen Crawford Thomas, Jr., Graham Clark and Hestel Garrison were elected for second terms.

J.D. McMillian will begin his seventh term and Franklin Teal was elected for a fourth term.

	Totals
McNeill	67
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Teal	67
Garrison	66
Thomas	68
Clark	68



LT. GOV. PAT TAYLOR

directed by Mrs. Neill A. McNeill, will entertain at the dinner.

New officers and four new directors will be installed.

Tickets for the meeting are available at the Chamber office, Harold Gillis, Chamber manager announced.

the state. The county's share of \$235.12 was approved.

The surplus commodity budget for 1971-72 was discussed at the meeting but no action was taken. The commissioners have approved a change-over to the food stamp program and money has been provided for the stamps in the tentative budget, but the application has not been approved by federal officials. The commissioners said Monday that they would continue to participate in the surplus food program until the food stamp program was put into effect.

In other business, the board approved the county's share of the Region "N" budget, a total of \$1,320.30 and heard reports from the county home and farm agent. The tax collectors report and the financial report were also received.

W. Edward McNeill, chief of Hillcrest Fire Department, was appointed county fire inspector to inspect all buildings approved for public use.

The commission agreed to appoint a bicentennial commission to help observe the second hundred year anniversary of the state.

felonious breaking and entering. He was sentenced to twelve months in prison.

Joe Walter Lowery and Robert Graham were found guilty of discharging a firearm into an occupied building and were sentenced to three years in prison. They each gave notice of appeal and the appeal bond was set at \$200 each. Bond for appearance was set at \$10,000. The court appointed William Geimer, assistant public defender, to prepare Graham's

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Speak Up

Reader who spoke up on the question of merging city and county governments here and increasing services by increasing taxes had strong opinions, one way or the other.

They either strongly agreed or strongly disagreed. While the voting was light, the voters were vocal, many of them including comments on their ballots.

On the whole, they approved a merger, and disapproved a tax raise.

Now, for the question this week:

In the past few weeks, and particularly since the Great Ping-Pong Diplomacy, the United States and Mainland China have been moving toward a thaw in the diplomatic ice. While each year there has been more support throughout the world to admit Red China to the United Nations, the United States has continued to oppose such action.

Recently, however, a study commission has recommended that the U.S. adopt a "two-China policy" and not oppose admission of Red China as long as this does not deny membership to Taiwan, or Nationalist China.

Question I --- I am in favor of admitting Red China to the United Nations next year.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
No opinion

A "two China" policy would also open the door for representation by other divided nations, such as North Korea and North Vietnam.

Question II --- I am in favor of admitting the governments of any divided nation that wants membership.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
No opinion

More readers were in favor of a merger of city and county governments than were opposed.

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