

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Last Wednesday morning John Balfour, J.D. McMillian, Benny McLeod, Palmer Wilcox and the writer of this column attended breakfast at the Governor's Mansion given by the Governor and Mrs. Bob Scott. Around 50 were present from other counties and the affair was very informal. Gov. Scott stated that he gave the breakfast for friends that had helped him during his campaign for the office of governor. He also said that he would not run for the Senate against Senator Jordan. In fact the governor said that at the present time he didn't have any office in mind to run for.

We did bring up the question of four-laning the Fayetteville - Raeford road. He said that he would look into the matter and let us know something before long.

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A short note from Raz Autry follows: Dear Sam,

My deepest appreciation to you and the staff for the fine Vocational Educational Supplement in the News-Journal. It was a story well told with pictures and words. On behalf of our youngsters and staff, many thanks.

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We would like to thank Don Steed and the members of the DECA club at Hoke High School for the Certificate of Appreciation and the paper weight with my name engraved on it. This is a very active club as we know from the news articles turned in to us on their activities. Keep up the good work and thanks again.

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Jim Turlington, principal of Raeford Elementary school brought the following quotation by the office last week and stated that when he read it he was surprised at the year it was written. We were surprised also because it could have been written last week.

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

--Abraham Lincoln

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We received another letter to the Editor that had a name typed but it was not signed. If this lady will come by the office and sign the letter we will be glad to publish it next week.

## Postal Rates Go Up Sunday

Postmaster Charlie Morrison said today that increases in most postage rates will take effect May 16 as the new United States Postal Service begins its task of achieving self sufficiency as required by the Postal Reorganization Act.

Morrison noted that general postage rates have not been increased since 1967 when Congress passed what was to become its final legislative act in this respect.

He pointed out that, earlier, requests for rate increases were proposed to Congress in 1969 by both President Johnson and President Nixon. In

addition, President Nixon proposed an increase again in 1970, although none of the proposed increases was acted upon by Congress.

Morrison explained that the new increases - authorized on a temporary basis until the newly created Postal Rate Commission can make recommendations to the Governors of the Postal Service on permanent changes - will raise first-class letter rates from 6 to 8 cents an ounce, and airmail letter rates from 10 to 11 cents an ounce. Post cards will go from 5 to 6 cents each and airmail post cards will go from 8 to 9 cents each.

The increases will be borne more by business than individuals, the postmaster pointed out, since 75 per cent of first class and airmail is from commercial mailers.

In addition to increases in first-class rates, second and third class will also go up on May 16. However, the full increases proposed by the Postal Service will not be put into effect on a temporary basis, in second and third class, since the postal reform legislation contemplates that such increases be phased over 5 years - or ten years for nonprofit organizations - provided Congress appropriates the necessary funds to ease the transition to full rates.

Because of the phasing provision, the increases to become effective May 16 for second and third-class mail will generally be only 1/5th of the total increase which has been proposed by the Postal Service.

No changes are made in the rates for parcel post, which is the principal component of fourth-class mail. However, initial increases will be made in the "book rate" which is classified as fourth class.

The new temporary rates also make changes in other postage rate categories and special service fees, such as special delivery and registered mail.

The Postal Service advised the public in February that it intended to make the temporary increases if the Postal Rate Commission did not make the recommended decision within 90 days of the request by the Postal Service.

Recently the Rate Commission confirmed that it will not be able to make a decision within the 90 days, and Sunday, May 16, was selected as the date on which the rates would become effective.

When the domestic changes go into effect, there will be conforming increases in letter rates to Canada and Mexico.

## Boosters To Hold Awards Banquet

High School athletes will be honored Tuesday night at the annual Booster Club Sports Banquet.

## No Projects Set For Hoke

No highway projects for Hoke County were listed in the bids announced this week by the State Highway Commission following its regular monthly letting. Bids totaling \$7,547,741.26 were received by the commission. There were 28 road projects in 29 counties involving more than 469 miles of road construction.

Guest speaker for the event will be O.W. "Red" Severance, a former Big Ten official.

Awards and letters will be presented to Hoke High's athletes following the dinner and speaker.

The Rev. Jack Mansfield will give the invocation and Charles Hottel, Booster Club president, and Raz Autry, principal, will welcome the guests.

Severance will be introduced by Clyde Upchurch.

The public is invited, Hottel said, with a special invitation to the parents and friends of the athletes and cheerleaders. Tickets will be on sale for \$2 at the door.

# 'Responsibility Keeps Nation Great' Taylor Says At Annual Chamber Dinner

## Hoke Girls Tops In Four Events

Hoke girls are state champions in four track events and the girls team was runner-up out of 21 schools in the state meet Saturday at High Point.

Pat McCoy is the state champion in low hurdles, running the fifty yard event in eight seconds. Debbie Little took the hundred yard dash in 12.3 seconds.

Gloria Carthans shares her state title

## 4-H'ers Plan Dress Revue

The 4-H Dress Revue will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

A new feature of the program this year will be members of the home extension clubs modeling home-sewn fashions.

An estimated 25 or 30 4-H members are expected to compete. Juniors from ages 9 to 13 will vie for prizes in six categories: apron, dresses, dressy dresses, sportswear, party outfits and wool garments.

The senior division will be for 4-H'ers 14 to 19 years old. Categories are the same as the junior division. The over-all winner in the senior division will compete in the district activity day June 16 at Forest Hill High School in Marshville.

The entries will be judged Thursday by Miss Brenda McAuley and Miss Mary Underwood, assistant home agents for Scotland County.

Prizes for the revue were donated by Belks of Aberdeen for the seniors and Belks of Red Springs for the juniors. Sewing fabric and ribbons will be awarded the winners in each category.

## Bake Sale Saturday

The Raeford Home Extension Club will have a bake sale Saturday at 9:30 in front of Hoke Drug Company.

with Monica Fleet of Dudley High School in Greensboro after the two girls tied in the fifty yard dash, running the event in 6.8 seconds.

Hoke girls also captured the 440 yard relay with a time of 53.8 seconds. On the team are Janie Beatty, Gloria Carthan, Debbie Little and Barbara Lide.

Dudley High School captured the state meet, overtaking Hoke in the last two events to win the title. Hoke High was leading going into the last two events, Coach Billy Colston said, but the girls had to run in several events without a rest and gave out in the final two events. This is the first year Hoke has fielded a girls track team.

The girls placed second in three events. Pat McCoy was second in the 70 yard hurdles and Janie Beatty placed second in the 440 yard dash. The 880 relay team of Shirley Smith, Linda Davis, Angela McPhatter and Barbara Lide was also second in the state.

Third place winners were Debbie Little in the 50 yard dash; Janie Beatty in the 75 yard dash; Gloria Carthans in the 880 yard run; Debbie Little in the high jump and Jackie McEachin in the discus.

Barbara Lide placed fourth in the state in the bread jump and Angela McPhatter was fourth in the high jump.

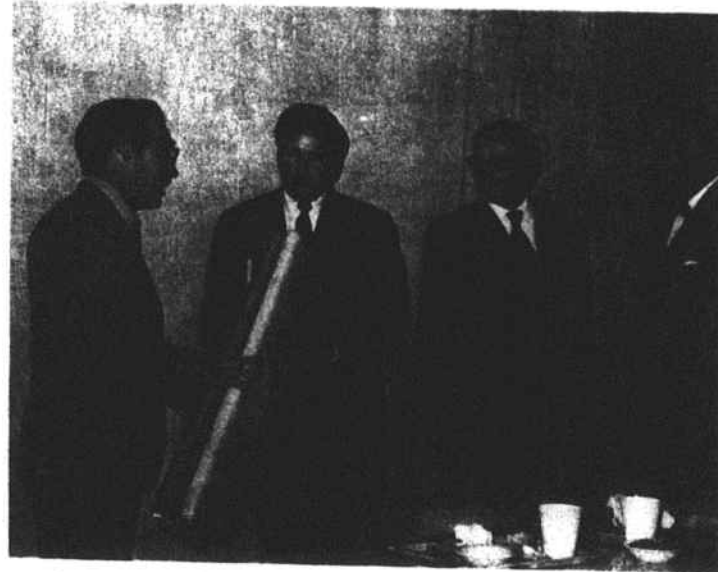
## Arson School For Firemen Set May 17-20

An arson detection school for all county firemen will be held May 17-20 at the North Raeford Fire Department.

The 12-hour school conducted by Sandhills Community College will cover all phases of arson detection and all firemen in the county are urged to attend, Johnny Baker, chief of the North Raeford department said.

Registration will be held during the first part of the class on May 17. The first class will be held at the North Raeford department and the other classes will be used for field demonstrations. The classes will be held from 7-10 p.m.

The instructor will be Calvin Beck. The course is approved by the state and credit for attending will be entered on each fireman's record in Raleigh, Baker said.



GIFT - C.D. Bounds, new president of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, presents two bolts of knitted fabric from the county's newest industry, Knit-Away, to Lt. Gov. H. Patrick Taylor at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting Tuesday. Taylor was guest speaker. Sam C. Morris and Raz Autry watch the presentation. (Photo by Lee Gillis)

## Pops Concert Tonight At Hoke High School

The Hoke High School chorale and chorus will hold a pops concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Under the direction of Mrs. Neill A. McNeill, the students will sing a wide selection of new songs and old favorites. The theme is "Let's Make Tomorrow."

The chorale will begin the program with "The Last Words of David," "I Am An American," narrated by Jimmy Womble and Danny McGougan, and "Ezekiel Saw De Wheel."

The chorus will be featured in "Begone Dull Care," "What The World Needs Now Is Love," and "I Hear A Voice A-Praying."

The Chorus and chorale will team up for "Sound The Trumpet," "Johnny Has Gone For A Soldier" with Lorraine Walters as soprano soloist, and "Speak To One Another of Psalms."

The last part of the program will consist of popular selections by today's songwriters. The chorus and chorale will sing "Scarborough Fair," "More," "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Try To Remember" with Ken Koonce, tenor soloist.

The chorus and chorale will also sing "Everybody's Talkin'" (from Midnight Cowboy), "Yesterday," with Kenny Davis as baritone soloist, and "Spinning Wheel."

Songs by Bert Bacharach will be featured, with the chorus and chorale singing "This Guy's In Love With You," "Do You Know The Way To San Jose," and "Close To You."

Piano accompanists will be Sally

## Cyclist Suffers Fatal Injuries

A motorcyclist died Monday following an accident on Turnpike Road Sunday afternoon.

Wade Hilbert Hubbard, 62, of McColl, S.C. was thrown off his motorcycle when he lost control of the vehicle on a sharp curve, according to Highway Patrol Trooper C.A. Bennett.

First aid was administered by the Hoke County Rescue Squad, who provided a special orthopedic stretcher. Hubbard was taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital where he died early Monday morning. The accident occurred about 3 p.m. Sunday.

The death was the tenth traffic fatality in the county this year compared with ten traffic deaths for 1970.

## Car Damages Grave Marker

City police reported severe damage at Raeford Cemetery to a grave marker and curbing when a car left the road and struck the curbing Thursday night.

George Edward Long was charged Saturday with failing to report an accident and damage to property.

The nation must give up its present lackadaisical, do-nothing attitude or face serious trouble, Lt. Gov. H. Patrick Taylor, Jr. said at the 24th annual dinner meeting of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

Taylor was guest speaker for the occasion. He stressed the responsibility of each individual to his fellow-man, to his God and to his country. This is a great country, Taylor said, and can be kept great by the individual actions of its citizens.

Taylor was introduced by Sam C. Morris county Democratic chairman.

New officers were installed by Wyatt G. Upchurch, past president for 1967-69. They are C.D. Bounds, Jr., president; Graham Monroe, vice president; Sam C. Morris, vice-president and Walter Coley, secretary-treasurer. Outgoing president Palmer Wilcox presented the gavel to Bounds.

Incoming directors are Larry W. Allgood, Leonard Frahm, Graham Monroe and Sam C. Morris. Outgoing directors are Homer McGuinn, John Reid Davis, Jimmy Conoly and Ed Manning.

Directors having one more year to serve are John Balfour, Jack Bray, Walter Coley, J.D. McMillian and R. Palmer Wilcox. Those with two years remaining are C.D. Bounds, Jr., Graham Pope and James Wood.

Miss Josephine Hall announced the presentation of the second place award given to the city of Raeford by Governor's Committee on Beautification. A delegation of townspeople went to Raleigh Monday to accept the award. Randleman was named first place in the category and Waynesville took third.

The Hoke High School Chorale, directed by Mrs. Neil A. McNeill, entertained after dinner. They were introduced by G. Raz Autry, principal of Hoke County High School.

The invocation was given by the Rev. John C. Ropp, minister of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

## Speak Up

For all the controversy and heated debate the question sparked in the legislature, readers showed an almost complete lack of interest in liquor by the drink.

However, those who answered the poll voted three to one against mixed drinks. The two questions this week were suggested by readers.

The first concerns the city of Raeford water problems. The reader explains: "We need a better water supply. It has been proved (USDA) that a reservoir can be built at Rockfish Creek. It's going to cost money, but aren't we willing to pay for this?"

City manager John Gaddy estimates that using Rockfish water will cost from \$1 to \$2 million dollars. Present city plans are to add from five to twelve wells to the water system.

Question: I am in favor of building a facility to use water from Rockfish Creek to supply the city of Raeford.

Strongly Agree ..... 1  
Agree ..... 0  
Disagree ..... 0  
Strongly disagree ..... 3  
No opinion ..... 0

The second question concerns the telephone system in the county. A reader contends that the service here is extremely poor; that it is difficult to reach other exchanges such as Fayetteville and that it is unnecessary for the county to be split into several different exchanges. Representatives from the telephone company spoke to the county commissioners several months ago and explained that a no toll system could be arranged between Red Springs and Raeford if enough users wanted it, but it would cost several dollars extra a month. The cost of including a no toll arrangement with Fayetteville would be prohibitive, they said.

Question: The telephone service to the county is inadequate and should be improved.

Strongly agree ..... 1  
Agree ..... 0  
Disagree ..... 0  
Strongly disagree ..... 3  
No opinion ..... 0

Now for the voting in last week's poll. The only reader who commented summed up the feelings of the others: "The sale of or taxes from the sale of alcoholic beverages have never benefited any one and is a disgrace to any government which in any way approves of it. In any way used is a detriment to persons of government."

Question: I am in favor of selling liquor by the drink in those cities or counties in which it is approved by a majority of the voters.

Strongly agree ..... 1  
Agree ..... 0  
Disagree ..... 0  
Strongly disagree ..... 3  
No opinion ..... 0

Question: By outlawing alcoholic beverages, there would be fewer drunken drivers, alcoholics and related problems.

Strongly agree ..... 2  
Agree ..... 1  
Disagree ..... 0  
Strongly disagree ..... 1  
No opinion ..... 0