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Around Town

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In this column last week we wrote about a conversation we had with Gov. Bob Scott in Raleigh recently concerning US 401 from Raeford to Fayetteville. Representative N.L. McFadyen had also been to see the Governor about the road unbeknowning to me. Last week we received a letter from Rep. McFadyen, that we quote: "Enclosed you will find a communication from Governor Scott which I thought you would be interested in."

The communication follows:
Memorandum
To: George Willoughby
From: The Governor
Subject: U.S. 401 from Fayetteville to Raeford

Please give me the status of the proposed improvements on US 401 from Fayetteville to Raeford. I would like to have at least a tentative time schedule for public hearings, for bids, etc.

Every time I go to that area I am asked what the story is on the road, which they feel I have made a commitment to improve.

Grady Setzer was by the office Monday and had a ripe tomato that he picked from a plant at Ormand Black's farm. The tomato was small but was turning pinkish. The Black farm is near Arabia.

Mrs. E.C. Duncan was by the office Monday and was telling us that her son, Steve, had called last Saturday night from Greece. He told her he hadn't been getting his paper and wanted her to check here at the office. We checked and hope that the papers will catch up with him soon. Steve is in the Navy and has about two more years to serve.

We received another nice paper weight this week and want to thank the Girl Scouts for it. Now if we can just accumulate enough papers to put the weights to work.

Congratulations to Clyde Upchurch, Jr. on winning the Lions Club golf tournament. With the weather like it was over the past weekend we must say that Clyde was the best "Mudder."

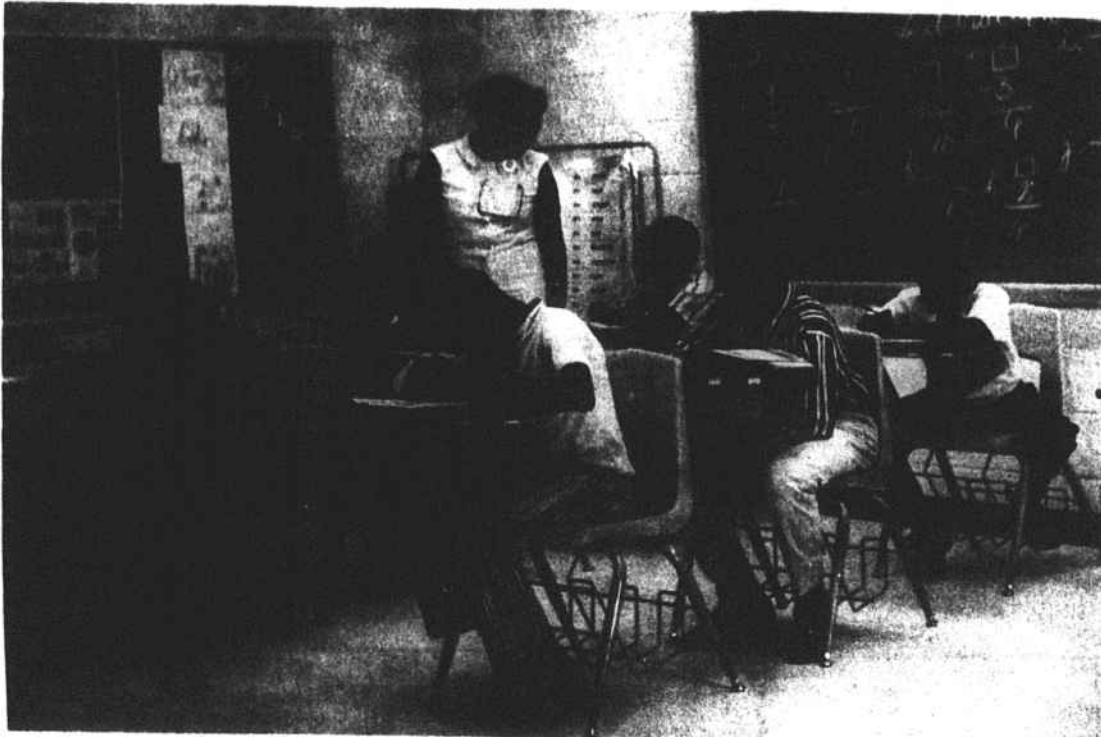
Next week we will publish our annual graduation edition with pictures of all the seniors. If you haven't been contacted for an ad in this edition, please get in touch with Mrs. Martin Webb. We don't want to miss anyone who would like to offer congratulations to the Class of 1971.

Next week we will also run something about the Class of 1927. Last week we were given a copy of "The Megaphone" the school paper of Raeford High School. The issue was the Senior Class Edition and contains pictures and history of all the 25 seniors of 1927. Also is a picture of the mascot. We hope to find out by next week how many of this class are still living. As you can see this was 44 years ago. We want to thank the member of the class that brought the paper into us. She requests that her name be withheld.

Trip Planned

Extension homemakers are planning a bus trip to Tryon Palace in New Bern on June 10. The trip will be open to non-members of the homemaker's clubs also. Reservations must be made at the home agent's office by Friday.

Further information may be obtained by calling 875-2162.



STUDIES - Students in the Level 4 special education section at Samuel Leonard School buckle down to work in one of the new classrooms recently completed at the school. The new rooms feature air-conditioning, bright colors and large, plate glass windows. Classes are small. Here, teacher Mrs. Evelyn Windley lends a hand.

Director Says

Leonard's Students Are 'Boys With Problems'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two parts about Samuel Leonard School at McCain.

They are boys with problems, not problem boys, William R. Windley director of Samuel Leonard School said of the students there.

There are now 260 students at Leonard, although the training school was designed, according to Windley, for a capacity of 150 boys. A new classroom, library and shop building, completed in February, has freed some former classroom space for living quarters for the students.

Windley and Lorenzo V. Balsley, principal and assistant director, are proud of the new building, which Windley says has been needed since the school opened in 1959. They have used temporary classrooms for the past 11 years.

Nine new classrooms, bright with color and light with large plate glass windows affording a view of the rolling campus, are housed in the building, designed by Hayse and Howell Associates of Southern Pines and built at a cost of \$350,000. Leonard is an elementary school with grades one through eight.

A large library and reading room is also part of the new building. Glass partitions enclose an office for a guidance counselor and a social education teacher within the library complex. An auto mechanics shop, maintenance shop and electronics workshop are included in the building, along with various office space. There will be an open house at the building next Sunday, following commencement exercises at the school.

A multi-purpose, paved recreation area painted for courts for basketball, tennis and volleyball has been completed recently and a well-equipped mobile reading laboratory was installed three years ago.

The school was established in 1959 with eleven students, using three main buildings, a small shop building and 228 acres of land from the south division of the McCain Sanatorium. It was named Leonard Training School in honor of the

first Commissioner of Correction and Training, Samuel E. Leonard. The name was changed by the 1969 General Assembly to Samuel Leonard School.

The boys live in seven "cottages," wings of the former hospital building. They are, as Windley points out, greatly overcrowded.

Some of the rooms are spacious, with both sleeping and living areas. The boys decorate their rooms with a variety of materials, ranging from rock and race car collections to a room complete with carpet, bar and coffee table constructed in the school's wood-working shop.

In other areas of the school, the beds are crowded together, using old porch areas for bedrooms. Although Windley said the policy is to house no more than three boys to a room, some areas have as many as six beds lined up side by side. The school has requested \$45,000 to remodel formerly used classrooms into dormitory rooms for the students.

The rooms are clean and well-maintained, military in their appearance with tightly made beds. The boys add their individual touches, which contrast sharply with the institutional surroundings. There is little furniture provided beyond the basic hospital-type beds which were in the building when it was turned over to the school eleven years ago. The beds, old then, are now badly in need of replacement, Windley said. Funds were requested for new furniture, particularly replacement of the beds, he said, but the request was not approved by the advisory budget committee. The boys improvise chairs and sofas, using wooden chairs covered with scraps of drapery material donated to the school by a textile factory.

The school has a staff of 86. There are 24 teachers, all with an A certificate or better, Windley said. The teachers are hired by the state. Supervision of the students after school hours falls to the cottage staff, under the direction of Russell Harrison, cottage life director. There is a cottage parent supervisor for each of the seven cottages as well as two cottage parents for each of the seven cottages.

The salary structure for the cottage personnel is low, Windley said, which makes it difficult to find good people for the job. He defended his staff against attacks made recently on personnel at the state's training schools.

"Contrary to what some have said, we have a hardworking, dedicated and competent staff in the North Carolina Juvenile Correction Schools," he said. "We recruit on a very high level and cannot always fill positions immediately or keep staff members in our employment due to low salaries that are not competitive.

"I am proud of our staff for they are dedicated, overworked and under paid." The school has an active program of in-service training for cottage personnel, Windley said. "Our agency is engaged in a continuing program of in-service training in order to continually upgrade the professional level and skills of all employees."

Recent workshops have been held on techniques of counseling, for cottage parents as well as workshops for social workers, recreation workers, librarians, food service personnel, maintenance personnel and farm personnel. Rehabilitation of boys sent to the

training school is not cheap, Windley points out. It costs an average of \$588.29 to educate a child for one year in the North Carolina public schools. The cost last year to educate a Leonard student for a year was \$2,854 and the budget request for the next two years raises that figure to \$3,265.

The total budget request for the school next year is \$818,826.

In addition to the funds requested to remodel the classrooms into living areas, several other improvements have also been asked. These include a home on campus for the director, who is presently housed in the old 18-room nurses home, and funds to renovate the south and center wings of the main building.

Requests made but not approved by the budget commission include funds for more classrooms, an auditorium, an industrial arts department and a mechanics department; funds to repair and extend walks and drives and to enlarge the kitchen at the school.

Windley has also asked for an irrigation well for the farm.

The school also needs funds to employ two more social workers, he said. There are presently two social workers employed for the 260 students.

"We also need money to keep up with the rising cost of living," Windley said.

In discussing the cost of rehabilitation, Windley said: "A lot of people think that because a boy has been sent to training school, he doesn't need or deserve very much. But this isn't so. These boys need to be exposed to some of the finer things in life while they are here, and we hope they will seek them when they leave."

Future needs of the school include a See SCHOOL, Page 11

No Head Start This Summer

Head Start will begin a full-year program here next fall with no pre-school summer program offered this year, the Sandhills Community Action Program office announced this week.

Applications for students for the full-year program are now being taken in the SCAP office.

Children from low-income families who will be five years old on or before Oct. 16, 1971, are eligible. Parents may obtain more information on the program at the SCAP office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applications are also being taken for a teacher and teacher's aid for the Head Start class.

Rev. Cooper Will Preach

The Rev. Cortez A. Cooper will hold morning worship services at Raeford Presbyterian Church Sunday during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. John C. Rupp.

The Rev. Mr. Cooper is returning to Raeford for his first visit since leaving the church here two years ago. He is now pastor at Marietta, Ga.

Knit-Away To Add Knitting Works

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Teens Named To Council

Twelve high school students were named to discuss the possibility of forming a Teen-age Planning Council sponsored by the Recreation Advisory Board.

The students are: Shelby Jean Bratcher, Andy Bullard, Joe Cothran, Kathy Currie, Patricia Dial, Ronnie Dockery, Lee Gillis, Ricky Huff, Kelly Jordan, Patricia McKoy, Sam Ray and William Windley.

These young people will meet June 2, at 2:30 in the City Hall for the following purposes:

- 1) To discuss whether or not the teenagers in Raeford and Hoke County want to be a part of the recreation program.
- 2) To suggest ways in which interest can be created in teenagers and adult volunteers.
- 3) To name purposes of a Planning Council.
- 4) To determine if the teenagers will plan and work for a council.
- 5) To list activities in which teenagers will participate.

It is hoped that all teenagers interested in forming a Council will give their ideas and suggestions to the students before June 2. If it is concluded that teenagers are not interested in planning their own recreational activities, the Recreation Advisory Board will give this time and attention to other groups.

Knit-Away will double its present size to add a knitting operation for its men's wear division, Richard Bruce, president, announced last week.

Construction on the 75,000 square foot addition will begin immediately, he said. Approximately 600 to 700 new jobs will be added by the time the knitting division is completely equipped in mid-1973.

The present dyeing and finishing operations will also be expanded to accommodate the men's wear division, Bruce said.

When the additional facilities are complete, Knit-Away will employ approximately 1,000 people, he said.

Bruce said the expansion is due to the addition of men's wear division to the corporation's line of double-knit polyester fabric for home sewing.

Equipment for the knitting operation will begin arriving in August of this year and will be added until July of 1973. Bruce said he expected Knit-Away to begin hiring additional employees for the knitting within the next four weeks to begin a training program. There will be more jobs available for women with the new operation, he said, than there had been in the past.

Hoke Band To Perform

A spring concert by the Hoke High School band will be held tonight at 8 in the high school gym.

The 90-member band will perform a varied program of serious and light music.

Selections will include "Tunes of Glory", a concert march; "Apostrophe"; the first movement from "Symphony in B Minor" (the Unfinished) by Franz Schubert and "Ode For Trumpet", featuring Kenny Davis.

They will also present a Wagnerian melody, Elsa's procession to the cathedral from "Lohengrin" and a tune from the movie "Ben Hur" - "Parade of the Charioteers".

A modern samba and bossa nova beat will conclude the program as the band plays "A Day In The Life of a Fool" and "Guantanamo".



DIRECTOR - Jack A. Bradford has been named to the board of directors of Southern National Bank in Raeford. A native of Greenwood, S.C., Bradford is plant manager of the Raeford plant of Burlington. He is a graduate of Clemson University and served in the infantry in Europe in World War II. He was wounded in action in France. Bradford, who lives in Southern Pines, is married to the former Helen Williams of Anderson, S.C. and they have two daughters.

Speak Up

Opinions were mixed in the voting to admit Red China and other nations to the United Nations, as readers slightly favored membership for the communist nations.

Getting back to questions to closer home, a reader wants the proposal to outlaw self-service gasoline stations put to a vote. A bill is now before the General Assembly to require an attendant to put gasoline into cars, as a safety measure. Opponents contend that the real reason behind the bill is to placate the service station lobby, who find the self-service stations, with cheaper prices, an economic threat. Those who favor the bill say that gas is a highly flammable substance and should be handled by persons who have some knowledge of the safety aspects.

Question: I am in favor of the bill to ban self-service gas pumps by requiring an attendant to operate the pumps.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
No opinion

The second question concerns revenue sharing. Vice-president Agnew was in North Carolina recently stumping for the Administration plan. Under the revenue sharing proposal, North Carolina would gain \$42.3 million in programs already in existence that would be restructured. Agnew said that "no attention is being paid in Washington to the clamor that is arising throughout the country" for revenue sharing. Okay, readers, here's your chance to clamor.

Question: I am in favor of President Nixon's revenue sharing plan to return tax money to the states and I urge legislators to ask for this program.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
No opinion

Now for the voting in last week's question. Question Number One: I am in favor of admitting Red China to the United Nations next year.

Strongly agree 4
Agree 6
Disagree 1
Strongly disagree 0
No opinion 1

One reader said "I think every nation in the world ought to be a member." Another, less emphatic, said, "I think Red China should be admitted, if it would help world peace."

Readers were less positive on the second question. Question Two: I am in favor of admitting the governments of any divided nation that wants membership.

Strongly agree 2
Agree 4
Disagree 2
Strongly disagree 2
No opinion 2



STILL FOUND - ABC officers found and destroyed this still about 8:30 last Friday night near Bethel Church on U.S. 401. The illegal liquor rig was located in a swamp across the highway from the church near the intersection of rural road 1207 and Highway 401. The still operator got away.