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Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The brave little boy that we mentioned in the column last week is ten-year-old Mike Woodson of Reems Creek near Asheville. He had cancer of the leg and he had to have his leg removed. Since that time he has put on a wooden leg and by practice and courage his progress to adjust to it has been miraculous. He is a star second baseman on his little league team.

The boy is a nephew of Mrs. Don H. Renfro of Asheville. Mrs. Renfro is the former Jean Graham of Raeford, a sister of Worth Graham.

The above just goes to show that we shouldn't lose faith because of a little tough luck.

Debbie Anderson was by the office last Friday and said she had enjoyed writing the Hoke Highlights this year. She will enroll at UNC - Chapel Hill this fall. Debbie said she would major in French. We want to thank her for a job well done and wish for her success in her college life.

Debbie Leach will replace Debbie Anderson and she will write the school column for us next year.

In January of 1953 a black-haired young lady came to work as secretary at The News-Journal. We were located on Main Street at that time. She worked until May, 1958 and since she had only one child she decided to stop work and raise a family. She had three more boys and then decided to come back to work. The office position was filled but we immediately found a place for her in the composing room. She returned to us in October, 1961. About two years ago this same lady had a fine little girl. A family of four boys and one girl. Recently she came to me and said that she was going to retire from the printing business. Yes, she was going to have another child.

The lady we are talking about is Mrs. Raymond Ellis (Connie) who is supervisor of the composing room for Dickson Press. We can only say "we don't know how much we will miss you, Connie until we have to get out the first paper." She is a person that all the girls in the shop respected and one that hasn't had a cross word with any of them. She has always worked hard and was one that can take an order without the usual, "Why? We don't believe we have ever had anyone to work with us that was more loyal to the firm than she is. She is one of our best writers of 'Letters to the Editor' and when she wrote it was against something that the paper was trying to push across.

Even with her children we have gotten into jams and called her at nine or ten o'clock at night and in she would come smiling as usual.

After 18½ years it is hard for us to think that we won't have her to fall back on. We know of no one that could top her for highest mores and Christian principles.

Connie we hate to see you go but we know that you have always made the right decisions. We owe you plenty so feel free to call on us for anything. We wish you the best always.

Man Held For Manslaughter In Robbins Heights Slaying

Lannie Ray Taylor was bound over to the grand jury on a manslaughter charge following a preliminary hearing in District Court Friday.

He had been charged with murder following the shotgun slaying May 24 of J.W. Lester.

Taylor is still in Hoke County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

The only witness presented by the state was Robert Wayne Childress, at whose Robbins Heights home Lester was killed. Taylor, defended by Jim Taylor, assistant public defender, offered no evidence.

Childress testified that Lester came to his home about 9 p.m., armed with a pistol, looking for his wife, Betty, and Tyler. Lester threatened to shoot them, Childress said.

Childress said he and his wife went to warn his sister - in-law that Lester was armed. They returned about 11 p.m., he said, with Mrs. Lester and Tyler.

Lester came to the home about midnight, drunk and armed with a broken bottle, Childress said. Childress testified that he did not see the pistol then. Childress said he opened the door and Lester forced his way into the house. Childress took the bottle away from him, he said, but Lester broke a glass in the kitchen. He threatened to kill him, Childress said and pushed his way into the living room.

Childress testified that he ran into the bedroom and that Tyler was standing there holding a .12 gauge shotgun. Childress told the court that Tyler had brought the gun to the house about 4 p.m. that day. Childress said he had

Army Medical Program Expands

Woman Found Guilty Of Welfare Fraud

A Hoke County woman pleaded guilty Friday in District Court to obtaining money under false pretenses from the county Department of Social Services.

Miss Evelyn Grace, of Raeford, was accused of continuing to take welfare payments she was no longer entitled to receive from August of last year until the payments were stopped in April.

Mrs. Katherine Brown, caseworker for the social services department, told the court that Miss Grace was required to report all income to the department and that it wasn't until April of this year that the department learned that she had been employed by The House of Raeford since August 1970.

Miss Grace pleaded guilty to taking welfare payments of \$89 a month, amounting to \$801 in all.

Judge Joseph Dupree sentenced her to two years in jail and suspended the sentence for 3½ years with 3½ years probation on the condition that she pay \$7.50 per week until \$1,170 is paid to the Hoke County Department of Social Services.

The overpayment, he explained, is interest and penalty on the amount she received illegally. This totals 46 per cent or 16 per cent annual interest.

A second case alleging welfare fraud was continued for two weeks. Mrs. Canna Hunt Jones is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from the Department of Social Services.

Miss Mabel McDonald, director, issued a statement Tuesday.

"The Hoke County Board of Social Services was very hesitant to recommend court action because we are a helping agency and we don't like to be forced into the position of punishing anyone.

"Three other cases were considered by the board, which recommended termination of payments to those clients.

"But, it is most unfortunate when some few persons abuse the benefits that are designed to help."

Awards Given At Upchurch

Upchurch students gathered in the auditorium Monday for awards presentations and promotion exercises for about 450 eighth grade students.

City Adds Two Wells

Two new wells are now in operation in the city water system, adding about 300 gallons a minute to the water supply, city manager John Gaddy said.

One well went into operation about two weeks ago and the second was put in service this past week, he said.

The city now has nine water wells in the system.

Students Honored At Awards Day

Awards were announced Monday morning at the annual Hoke High School awards day program.

This followed the breakfast sponsored each year for the seniors and faculty by the members of the Future Teachers of America.

The following students were honored: **MATH AWARDS** -- To the senior who shows the greatest potential in math - Kathy Sanders; Highest Score on National Mathematics Exam (This School) - Don Williamson.

BUSINESS AWARDS -- Best Business Student - Brenda McRae; Best Shorthand Student - Chris Wilson; Best Typing Student - Carolyn Station.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Challenge Award - Cecil Campbell, Earl McQueen, Rusty Mabe, James McLeod, James Breeden, Tim Hawks, Ivory Farmer.

Principal's Awards - Craig Baker, Ben Barnwell, Debbie Anderson, Reba Best, William Campbell, Garley Carpenter, Lynn Currie, Kathy Bounds, Alexander Goldsmith, Kim Gilmore, Mark Heath, Ann Howell, Tom Howell.

Donna Jackson, Anna Jordan, Robert Lee, Bobby Little, David Matherly, Jimmy McFadyen, Danny McGowan, Dorothy McLaughlin, Larry McMillian, Mike McMinis, Bert Pope.

Billy McNeill, John P. McNeill, Teru Monroe, Tony Oxendine, Robert Pecora, Steve Plummer, Eugene Ray, Mack Rockholt, Robert Rucker, Kathy Sanders, Thelma Stubbs, David

Bloodmobile

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Upchurch, Don Williamson, Lynn Wilson, Jimmy Womble, Mike Wood, Lana Dial, David Farmer, Randy Frahm, Rene McAllister, Rhonda McPhatter, Rosemary McGowan, Vonnice McFadyen, Owen Black, Carlton Niven, Martha Stewart, Stephanie Adkinson, Gary Baxley, Bill Lentz, Scott Poole, Terry Dial.

ANNUAL AWARD -- Donna Jackson. **RAEFORD WOMAN'S CLUB** -- (\$200) Scholarship - Donna Jackson, Creative Writing Award.

POETRY -- 1st Donna Jackson, 2nd Thurgood Flowers.

SHORT STORY -- 3rd Ray Collier.

9th GRADE POETRY -- 1st Henry Cobb, 2nd Edith Small, 3rd Geneva Oxendine.

9th GRADE SHORT STORY -- 2nd Carolyn McKoy, 3rd Beverly Foster.

HOKE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS SCHOLARSHIP -- Don Wood \$100.00.

ROCKFISH EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS SCHOLARSHIP -- Mark Heath \$50.00.

ASHMONT EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS SCHOLARSHIP -- Barbara Harrell \$50.00.

DECA CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (\$50) -- Donna Owen.

LUMBEE RIVER ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP -- Ruby McNair.

I DARE YOU AWARDS -- Lana Dial, Billy McNeill.

WOODMAN OF THE WORLD -- Kathy Sanders, Michael Adkinson.

F.T.A. AWARD -- Kathy Bounds.

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS (CITIZENSHIP) -- Thelma Stubbs, Carlton Niven.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS -- V.F.W. -- Julia Barnwell, Reba Best, Donna Jackson.

BIOLOGY AWARDS -- Sally Austin, Mary M. Sawyer.

D.A.R. GOOD CITIZEN AWARD -- Martha Stewart.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AWARDS -- Reba Best, Kathy Sanders, Kathy Davis, Martha Stewart, Karen Crawford, Debbie Anderson, Tom Howell, Jimmy Womble, Billy McNeill, David Upchurch, Don Williamson, Anna

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Jordan, Donna Jackson, Kathy Keaton. **LIBRARY AWARDS** -- Student of the year - Annie McLean, Linda Miller. **Most Improved Library Asst.** -- Vernetta Leak; **President's Award** - Teru Monroe.

V.I.C.C.A. CLUB AWARDS -- Ivory Farmer, Delores Jackson, Ronald Wilson, Terry Dial, Billy Holland, David Jackson. **FARM BUREAU** -- Best Agriculture Student - David Matherly.

F.F.A. AWARDS -- Alexander Goldsmith - Horticulture; Robert Lee - Mechanics; Terry Dial - Forestry. **HOWELL DRUG CO. SCHOLARSHIP (\$100)** -- Vonnice McFadyen.

LION'S CLUB (\$300); KEY CLUB (\$100) funds to sponsor two PACE students at Hoke High this summer.

The following students have received financial aid in the form of loans, scholarships, grants and work study programs:

Harriet Yvonne McFadyen, \$100.00 Howell Drug - U.N.C. Greensboro. Barbara Harrell, \$50.00 Ashmont Exten. Homemakers Club - Sandhills Community College.

Mark Heath, \$50.00 Rockfish Exten. Homemakers Club - Appalachian State Univ.

Rhonda McPhatter \$3200.00 - A & T State University. Bert Pope \$5,800.00 - N.C. State University.

Dorothy McLaughlin \$4,000.00 - A & T State University. Wanda Grant \$2,400.00 - Appalachian State University.

Stephanie Adkinson \$2,600.00 - A & T State University. Donna Jackson \$200.00 - Raeford Women's Club East Carolina; \$6,100.00 - East Carolina University.

Reba Best \$5,276.00 - East Carolina University. Ben Barnwell \$3,400.00 - University of N.C. Chapel Hill.

Thelma Stubbs \$4,800.00 - A & T State University. Debbie Anderson \$6,300.00 - University of N.C. Chapel Hill.

Danny McGowan \$2,800.00 - N.C. State University.

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36% Of Hoke Freshmen Have Health Problems

More than a third of the ninth grade students at Hoke High School were found in recent physical examinations to have health problems severe enough to warrant further medical attention, CPT. George Reavell, Special Forces doctor at the Hoke County health center, said this week.

Of the 198 physical examinations given to the students recently, 36 per cent were abnormal to the point that further medical follow-up was recommended, he said.

The students were examined by doctors and medics from the 82d Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, as part of the Army's civic action medical program in the county.

From the first examination, done at the school, 109 of the 198, or 55 per cent, were considered to have abnormalities, Dr. Reavell said. These students were examined again at the county health center by Dr. Reavell and

CPT Jerry Welch, a doctor also assigned to 7th Special Forces.

After re-examination, the doctors recommended that 36 per cent of the students have further medical treatment.

Some of the health problems found in the physicals included heart murmurs, visual problems, protein in the urine, and anemia.

Some of these conditions were already known to the parents, Dr. Reavell said, but, in many cases, the doctors alerted parents to unsuspected problems.

All of the physicals were done with the permission of the parents or guardians.

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Speak Up

The Raeford Jaycees took a poll at their last meeting on the Speak Up questions and turned the results in to the ballot box. Feelings are mixed on both questions concerning the self-service gas bill and revenue sharing.

The question for this week concerns Speak Up. Voting has been light. With such few responses to the questions, it is unfair to draw any conclusions on the feelings of readers in the county.

On the other hand, it offers a chance for readers who wish to, to comment.

Question: I am in favor of discontinuing SPEAK UP for lack of interest.

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
No opinion

Most of the readers opposed the bill proposed in the General Assembly to require an attendant to operate a gasoline pump at service stations.

One reader said "John Burney's bill is just something backed by the Fat Cats, who never felt much sympathy for the average guy."

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

Strongly agree 1
Agree 1
Disagree 5
Strongly disagree 5
No opinion 0

Readers divided down the middle on revenue sharing. Most of the Jaycees strongly supported the measure, voting 8 to 3 in favor.

A reader wrote: "Wilbur Mills made a good case of what we'd lose in worthy existing programs. I'd favor sharing if it was all 'new' money."

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 8
Agree 0
Disagree 4
Strongly disagree 0
No opinion 0

Booster Club Meets Monday

The Booster Club will meet Monday night at 8 in the Hoke High School gym. Plans for the membership drive will be discussed.

4-Her's To Go To Washington

Two 4-H'ers will leave Sunday for a week at the Citizenship Short Course in Washington, D.C.

Lawrence Willis and Barbara Plummer, accompanied by assistant home agent, Miss Brenda Abrams will attend the session. The Hoke County group will be part of a delegation from 33 other North Carolina counties. Other states participating in this session are Tennessee, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and Idaho.

The 4-H'ers will take part in discussions, programs and tours and will visit their Congressmen during the week.