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Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The Senior breakfast at the high school last week was once again a gala affair. We were once again in attendance and appreciated the invitation. The affair is sponsored each year by the Future Teachers Club under the sponsorship of Jerry Thompson and Mrs. Don Steed.

We are now doing some research on old mills and gins that were in Hoke County years ago. With the help of H.R. McLean and Will McLean of Clinton we should be able to write the article in a few weeks. You will be surprised at the number of grist mills that were in this county years ago.

The senior pictures are ready and can be picked up at The News - Journal office.

The following letter was received last week:

Dear Sam:
This is just a note to tell you that we, here at Raeford Elementary School, certainly do appreciate all the aid that you and The News-Journal have given us during the past year.

We felt that anytime we wished to get information to our public that we could depend upon your organization. Our feelings were always justified in that we could not have asked for more or better cooperation.

We would like for you if you can to recognize and thank the following mothers for their most welcome and needed aid in our reading program during the past year. They were most faithful in carrying out their volunteered undertaking. We feel that their coming to aid us was most beneficial.

Those helping were: Mrs. Frank Blue, Mrs. Fred Culbreth, Mrs. Harry McLean, Mrs. Dale Ormsby, Mrs. Graham Pope, Mrs. Edward Roach and Mrs. Thomas Summers.

We would also like to thank our patrons in their cooperation in solving our traffic problem that we were plagued with at the beginning of this school year. Again let me thank you and the staff there for their cooperation and aid during the past school year.

We wish a most happy and relaxing summer for you all.

Yours truly,
James W. Turlington
Principal

We also received the following information about Kate Dalton, who was listed in the Class of 1927. The writer of the letter said, "I wish for her friends to know about Kate." She also asked that her name be omitted.

"She attended Flora Macdonald College for two years, then entered the John Hopkins School of Nursing at Baltimore, Md. where she graduated in 1932. She was employed at the hospital when she met sudden death in an automobile accident on her way to Hoke County for vacation in August 1934. She is buried in the Raeford Cemetery.

Book Time

By Mrs. Lee Cameron

Hi, Partner.
It's Reading Round - up time. This is our summer reading theme at the Hoke County Library for children who have finished the first grade up to those who have completed the fifth.

After reading five books at their reading level, each child will receive a reading card with a cowboy on which they will fill in 12 sections. Each section will be earned by reading two books from the different sections of the Dewey Decimal System, plus a few story books.

Registration begins Monday morning. We will have our library hour each Thursday morning from 10-11 a.m. Films will be shown and stories read.

Burlington Worsted To Curtail And Consolidate Manufacturing

Law Box

Questions are often asked about laws that are commonly used but are very commonly misunderstood. The purpose of this article is to acquaint the readers of this specific meaning of certain laws which are not always common knowledge.

Here is a schedule prepared by the Highway Patrol of traffic points that are assessed against a driver upon conviction of a traffic violation.

Schedule of Point Values
Passing stopped school bus, 5; wreckless driving, 4; hit and run, property damage only, 4; following too closely, 4; driving on the wrong side of the road, 4; improper passing, 4; speeding in excess of 55 mph, 3; stop sign violation, 3; failure to yield right of way, 3; failure to stop for a siren, 3; driving through safety zone, 3; no liability insurance, 3; failure to report accident where such a report is required, 3; all other moving violations, 2. (A moving violation is one which the manner of driving is the violation, such as "unsafe movement").

No points will be assessed for convictions which result in any suspension or revocation of the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle, such as driving under the influence.

No points will be assessed for conviction of the following offenses: overloads, over length, over width, over height, illegal parking, improper plates or registration, improper muffler or other non-moving violations such as inspection violations or equipment violations.

However insurance companies have a separate and different schedule of points for violations for the purpose of increasing premiums on liability insurance. You should see your individual agents for point value and increase rates for specific violations.



GENERALS TOUR - Gen. R.E. Haines, CONARC commander (left) and Brig. Gen. Henry E. Emerson, Special Forces commander at Ft. Bragg, stride to a waiting staff car after landing by helicopter in the field beside the Armory. The generals inspected the Army's medical program at the county health center.

Four Star General Blood Drive At Health Center A Failure

A four-star general, commander of the Army forces within the United States, toured the Hoke County Health Center Friday.

Gen. R.E. Haines, commanding general of the Continental Army Command (CONARC), came with Brig. Gen. Henry E. Emerson, commander of the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance, Ft. Bragg, to inspect the Special Forces medical project at the health center.

Two Huey helicopters, bearing the generals and their party, landed in the field beside the Armory. A staff car

carried the two commanders to the near-by health center.

There Special Forces captain George T. Reavell, M.D., met the group, explained the Army program briefly and answered questions from Gen. Haines.

The group toured the buildings quickly as a pre-natal clinic, regularly scheduled on Fridays, was in progress.

The visit lasted about thirty minutes. Curious spectators, attracted by the two helicopters, gathered to watch the group lift off toward town, skimming the tree tops and then circle over Raeford back to Ft. Bragg.

Chamber Hears Comments

Graham Pope, plant manager of Burlington Dyeing and a director of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, told the chamber board of directors that the closing of the three Burlington plants, announced this week by the industry, would strengthen the two Burlington plants here.

Pope spoke to the board at the regular monthly director's meeting held Tuesday with new president C.D. Bounds presiding. Pope and Larry Allgood, personnel manager at Burlington, commented on the announcement made this week by the giant textile industry.

Sam Morris, commented on a letter on the status of a project to four-lane U.S. 401 from Raeford to Fayetteville. The Chamber board agreed to write a letter to

Gov. Robert Scott urging him to do everything possible to get the road improved.

In other acts of business, the board was told that a letter was being sent this week along with a pledge form to all active chamber members. The letter explains the plans for the chamber this year and includes an appeal to join.

A brief report was made on the retail activity and the possibility of several new business firms locating in Raeford and the county soon. Retail sales were reported to have increased over the same period last year.

Many businesses are planning to close Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday, the board was told.

The improved appearance of Main Street

Blood Drive A Failure

The visit of the Bloodmobile here Monday was a failure and blood drive chairman Clyde Upchurch, Jr. said he feared the county would lose its affiliation with the Red Cross blood program for lack of donors.

A total of 23 pints were collected as volunteer workers outnumbered donors at the collecting station at Raeford United Methodist Church.

"We could have bought blood from professional donors cheaper than that 23 pints cost when you think of the expenses of sending the Bloodmobile unit from Charlotte, four registered Red Cross nurses, not to mention the time of 30 ladies who gave up their afternoon and Dr. Reavell, who came from the Army," Upchurch said.

Upchurch said if the Red Cross took any action to terminate the program, that he hoped the county would be put on probation and that a good drive in the fall would return Hoke to good status.

"If we use any blood at all in June, we just won't have any credits left," he said.

Before the Red Cross blood program was begun here in 1961 Upchurch said, donors had to go to different hospitals in the area to give blood. Friends of those using the blood would be asked to donate to replace the amount used, he said. If the county loses the program, this will again be necessary, Upchurch explained.

There were several factors that contributed to the failure, he said.

"The man at McCain who always handles this was on vacation so we didn't get any donors there. Burlington was in a tizzy over the plant closings so we only

The Burlington Worsted division of Burlington Industries is making a reduction in its manufacturing facilities which will involve closing of two plants in Virginia, a third in North Carolina and consolidation of operations at other plants in Virginia and North Carolina.

Joseph D. Beam Jr., executive vice president for manufacturing, said manufacturing units at Drakes Branch and Brookneal, Va., and Lexington, will be closed after orderly production run-outs, which will begin immediately. About 1,200 employees will have to be terminated as a result of these closings.

"We are making every conceivable effort with other divisions within our own company, with state and local agencies, and with other local industries to place as many as possible of these employees," Mr. Beam said. "Other Burlington divisions are looking at the three plants for possible future use."

He said the closings and consolidations are made necessary "because of the continued erosion of markets by imports and the changes taking place in the men's tailored clothing industry."

Spinning and weaving operations of Burlington Worsted will be consolidated at the division's plants at Halifax, Va., and Raeford.

All double knit and wrap knit equipment will be installed at Halifax and all fabric finishing will be done at Clarksville, Va. The Burlington Worsted dyeing plant at Raeford combing plant at Clarksville and spinning plant at Hot Springs, will continue present operations.

"After all knitting and finishing equipment now on order is in place, our total capacity in yards - both wovens and knits - will be modestly less than in

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Turkey Plant Announces New PR Director

Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc., processors of House of Raeford Turkey and Turkey Products, recently announced the appointment of Sharon Edwards as public relations director.

For the past five years Sharon has been associated as a sales & service representative with Government Employees Ins. Co. of Washington, D.C.

In making this announcement Ed Manning, sales manager, also stated the public relations office in Raleigh would be closed and moved to new modern offices in Raeford for better coordination of all promotional activities pertaining to the House of Raeford Turkeys and their new line of further processed items for sale in the Eastern and Southern part of the United States.

401 Project Among 110 Waiting For Study

The project to four-lane U.S. 401 from Raeford to Fayetteville was approved by the state last July to give the governor and highway commissioner something to say to Hoke County residents, according to a letter to Gov. Robert Scott from George S. Willoughby, Jr., state highway administrator.

Willoughby was asked in early May in a memorandum from Gov. Scott to give the status of the proposed improvements on 401.

Scott wrote "I would like to have at least a tentative time schedule for public hearings, etc."

"Everytime 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."

In an answer dated May 18, and released to The News-Journal last Friday

by Hoke Representative Neill McFadyen, Willoughby said the project was not included in the five-year program adopted November, 1969, but at the request of Scott and Highway Commissioner Charles Dawkins, the project was approved by the Highway Commission in August, 1970.

"At this time our people have been working on the projects originally approved by the Commission and on those projects the individual Commissioners have requested that we expedite," Willoughby wrote.

"In my initial discussion with you, and subsequently with Commissioner Dawkins, there was no indication that a concerted effort should be made to schedule this particular project. I believe the intent was to have the project approved in order that you and

Commissioner Dawkins could advise the Hoke County Board of Commissioners and Mr. Raz Autry that it had been approved as a part of the Commission's total program."

Dawkins met with city and county officials on April 20, 1970 and said that he expected the project to be approved in July of that year.

At the meeting, he read a letter from Gov. Scott to a Raeford citizen saying that although the improvement was not included in the present program that Scott expected it to be included in July when the new projects were approved.

Dawkins also told the commissioners at that time that he hoped to let the contracts during this administration for all projects that are approved.

In July, Dawkins announced a \$3.8 million project had been approved to four

lane 401 from Seventy-First School to approximately the 401 By-pass at Raeford, a total of 10.5 miles.

He also announced a \$2.5 million project to widen Robeson Street in Fayetteville to four lanes from Raeford Road (401) to Russell Street.

Dawkins said the contracts would be awarded during this administration, but did not give a date to begin construction.

The funds for the projects were dependent on existing taxes, he said then.

In his letter, Willoughby said that schedule for 401 "at this time would be difficult to determine due to the status of the environmental study. As soon as the environmental statement is prepared, we will be in a position to establish a schedule."

At the present time, there are approximately 110 projects that require

environmental statements, Willoughby wrote.

Copies of the letter were sent to Commissioner Dawkins and to D.H. Faircloth, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

The Hoke County board of commissioners read a copy of the letter at the June commissioner's meeting Monday and approved the drafting of a letter of protest to Gov. Scott and Commissioner Dawkins.

"We've just been told something to keep us quiet," one commissioner said. Another commented that the status of the road as outlined in the letter was far different than he had thought after listening to Commissioner Dawkins. County manager T.B. Lester left the

meeting to telephone the highway commissioner concerning a road to be built to the new city-county landfill. He told the commissioners after the phone conversation that Commissioner Dawkins said again that the highway would be widened.

Lester said he tried to arrange a meeting between Commissioner Dawkins and the commissioners for this week but was unable to do so. The board, which requested the meeting, said they would be able to meet with Commissioner Dawkins "at any time."

The Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce at the director's meeting Tuesday also agreed to write to the governor urging the road improvement.