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## Around Town

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There is one thing that the wagon train will bring to Hoke County and that is hot weather. We suspect that local gardens will be destroyed if rain doesn't come before long.

The wagon train left last Friday morning and returned Sunday. Thursday night was dance night and many gathered on Adams Street for the affair. About ten o'clock C.D. Bounds drew the ticket for the 450 pound steer. The winner was Willard Shell, local Route one mail carrier.

Sunday morning before Sunday School Willard was telling a group of Presbyterians about Younger Sneed, Jr. coming to his house and informing him of his winning the steer. He said that Sneed woke him up and asked where he wanted the steer put. Willard said that he got in such a state of shock that he sold the steer to Sneed for \$125 and felt that if he hadn't just been awoken he would have put the steer in Tom McBryde's pasture and maybe picked up an additional \$50 for the steer.

Jack Bray, local car dealer, was in the crowd and stated that if Willard was in a state of mind that he couldn't figure out money that someone should have called Frank Crumpler. It seemed that everyone in the group agreed with Bray.

We mentioned in the beginning of this column about gardens and would like to express thanks to W.R. Windley of Leonard Training School for nice strawberries he brought by a few weeks ago and to Robert Gatlin for some nice squash.

Now we know that Dick Neeley will remark that Morris is asking for a hand out.

A letter from Raz Autry last week informs us that two golf tournaments will be played at the Arabia Golf Course in the near future. If you didn't receive a letter contact Raz, C.D. Bounds or Joe Upchurch for information concerning these tournaments.

Robert Gatlin was the subject of Tommie Upchurch's speech at the weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club last week. We didn't know that Gatlin could get so involved or that Upchurch kept up with his life. Anyway when we questioned Robert about some of the events he said that Tommie would stretch the truth. Of course people who know Tommie wouldn't believe that?

Tommie did say one thing that he has always believed. When you hear someone joking about someone else you know that they are friends. You don't tell jokes on anyone you don't like.

Herman Koonce says that he heartily agrees with The News-Journal writer of the Rockfish news, that Rockfish is a delightful place to live, and the present Rockfish people are good people.

But he disagrees with the writer for saying that we wanted it to stay just like it is. For he states that he thinks that he expresses the sentiment of the majority of the Rockfish People in saying that we do not want it to stay just like it is.

We want it to grow and grow with lots and lots of more good people.

## Pump Breaks--

## Creek Was Red

The gasoline pump that operates the city's temporary sewer line from Knit-Away was broken for several hours Monday, city manager John Gaddy confirmed.

Peddler's Branch, which has been polluted periodically since the textile plant began operation in January, carried bright red, frothy water most of Monday until the pump was repaired and wastes from the plant were again diverted through a temporary irrigation pipeline to the city's sewer line near the dog pound.

The branch was clearer Tuesday and the volume of water had dropped noticeably.

The little stream empties into Rockfish Creek at the William Howell property named Peddler's Parlor.

## Dawkins To Meet On Landfill Road

Highway Commissioner Charles Dawkins is meeting in Raleigh soon concerning the road construction to the new city county landfill, county manager T.B. Lester was notified.

Dawkins telephoned him Monday about the meeting, Lester said. "I think the meeting will be sometime this week," Lester said.

# Make-Up Blood Visit Necessary To Save Program For County

## Firemen Fight Home, Car Fires

The third fire in less than a year damaged the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Locklear Sunday at McFadyen's trailer park.

The fire was confined to one bedroom and caused about \$150 damage, Raeford fire chief J.D. McMillian estimated.

The Locklears have lost a house and a trailer in fires in the past year, McMillian said. No cause has been established for this blaze.

A grease fire in the stove vent caused about \$400-\$500 damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Manning on Donaldson Saturday, McMillian reported.

The flames appeared to have started from grease at the stove and burned through the vent into the roof, he said.

A car parked at Averitt's Pure Oil Station was totally destroyed Friday morning in a fire that appears to have started in the wiring in the dash, McMillian said.

The Raeford fire department answered one false alarm last week, making the second false alarm turned in recently, he said. The North Raeford department also had a false alarm recently.

McMillian said this was a matter of great concern because of the personal danger to firemen and others and because

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By Tuesday

# Fifty-One Arrests Made In Prohibition Law Raids

State and local law enforcement officers had arrested 51 persons for violations of prohibition laws early this week and at least eight more arrests were expected, county ABC officer Kermit Riley said.

The arrests followed a series of purchases made in April and May by a state Alcoholic Beverage Control undercover agent working in the county.

Many of the persons arrested in this latest sweep on liquor law violators were convicted earlier this year of similar charges.

Officers from the ABC department and the Hoke County Sheriff's Department began making arrests Friday and continued through the weekend. By Tuesday, 51 persons had been charged with violation of prohibition laws. VPL charges included the possession and sale without a license of tax - paid liquor and the possession or sale of non-tax - paid liquor. A few persons were charged with selling beer or wine on Sunday. The cases are set for trial in district court on July 2.

The following persons had been charged by Tuesday, Riley said: Bessie Harris, two charges; Reba McIntyre, two charges; Doris Dixon, one charge; George Hollingsworth, one charge; Betty Petty, three charges; Terry Lee Petty, two charges; Read Rush Petty, one charge; Carolyn Petty, one charge; Odell Beatty, two charges; Lula Jenkins, one charge; Louise Morriss, two charges; Ozella Beatty, one charge; Clemmie Miller, one charge; Archie McLean, two charges; Luther McRae, two charges; Gertrude Richardson, one charge; David Kelly, one charge and Dolly Virgil, two charges.

Others arrested include Calvin Beatty, two charges; Purline Rogers, three charges; Leroy Locklear, two charges; Alphonse Frazier, two charges; Alex Campbell, one charge; Louvenia Jackson, one charge; Arletha McRae, one charge; Ernest Jackson, one charge; Gladys Locklear, two charges; James Virgil, one charge; Annie Bell Richardson, two charges; Carl Virgil, one charge; Nick Rogers, one charge; Jim Hollingsworth, one charge; Lena Mae McMillan, one charge; Major Bud Brown, three charges; Annie Mae Torance, one charge; Ruth

# Legislature Petitioned To Save School Lunches

The school lunch program in North Carolina is in trouble because of the deletion from the budget recommendations of the state's portion of the money and a petition circulated across the state will be presented today in Raleigh to request that the funds be restored.

The petition, which may carry as many as 20,000 signatures, will be presented at 10 a.m. Thursday to Lt. Gov. Patrick Taylor, by representatives of the state's community action agencies.

They were circulated by the 39 community action agencies in the state, Phil Diehl, president of the North Carolina Community Action Association, said. In two days time, 765 signatures were collected in Hoke County. The total for the four - county Sandhills Community Action Program area was 1,208.

According to Diehl, \$2,016,000 as the state's portion of the federally financed school lunch program was deleted by the Budget Advisory Commission. These funds are now included in the supplementary budget, Diehl said. The matter is under consideration by the finance committee and is expected to be

reported out soon for a vote.

The State Department of Public Instruction and the Social Services Department have both requested that the funds be approved, he said.

Ernest Sutton, assistant superintendent of county schools, gave some figures on the impact of the school lunch program in the state and county.

The federal government will contribute \$34,000,000 a year or \$68,000,000 during the biennium to match the \$2,016,000 in state funds, Sutton said. This includes both cash and commodities.

The school lunch program affects all school children in the state, Sutton said, for without the federal participation, the cost of the lunches would more than double, he estimated.

"If we don't get these funds, the state won't operate a school lunch program as it is operated now," he said.

Sutton estimated that the school lunch that now costs 30c-35c full price actually costs 45c to prepare. Federal reimbursements and commodities absorb the extra costs, he said. Without the federal participation, school lunches would cost as much as 75c, he estimated. Directly affected are the students on

free or reduced cost lunches, who will lose that benefit entirely if the lunch program is not approved.

In Hoke County last year an average of 4,061 children ate lunch at school each day. During the year, 354,271 full price lunches were purchased and 376,740 free or reduced price lunches were prepared.

A total of \$186,258.53 was paid to the county for the lunch program by the federal government and \$50,650.97 was contributed in commodities, Sutton said.

Sutton explained that until this year, the state has been able to provide "in kind" services, such as administering the program, as matching funds. This year the state was required to contribute cash and the item was a new one in the budget.

"I don't think the program was adequately explained," he said. "It was new and so the committee cut it out. I don't think they realized that the \$2 million from the state would bring in \$68 million from the federal government."

A total of 900,000 school children across the state will be affected if the program is not approved, Diehl said. The Community Action Association set to work on the problem last week, he said, as soon as the members learned that the funds had been deleted.

5,000 petitions were prepared and circulated at the end of last week and the beginning of this. Most of the signatures are those of poor people in the state, Diehl said, giving them a chance for their voice to be heard by the legislature.

The petition will be presented as a scroll, wound around a rolling pin.

## Speak Up

Funeral services for "Speak Up" were held Monday morning at The News - Journal office over a nearly empty ballot box. Burial is in this week's issue.

One reader voted to continue the feature, saying "If not 'Speak Up', why not 'Live Wire' such as the Fayetteville Observer carries daily. Otherwise, people will not know the opinions and answers that each of us should know. I am of the opinion that a better informed citizen makes a better place to live.

There was no opposition.

A dozen men and women met Wednesday morning to try to save the blood program for Hoke County.

Representing industry and other groups in the town and county, they listened to Clyde Upchurch, chairman of the county blood program, explain the situation since the last blood drive here two weeks ago that netted 23 pints.

The county has been put on probation, Upchurch said, and must accept a make-up visit to restore its status in the Red Cross program.

The group agreed to hold the make-up visit on June 30.

Upchurch provided a copy of the letter from James Watson, chairman of the Piedmont Carolinas Red Cross Blood Program which said that: "according to a standing rule of the regional committee, if a chapter has failed to meet its blood usage by as much as 100 units deficit for the fiscal year by June 30th, such chapter must accept a make-up visit."

"The recent very poor visit to Hoke County has left your Chapter greatly behind in meeting its blood needs for the year," he wrote. "Not only was this a poor visit by not meeting your needs, but it also will create a problem in meeting total blood needs of the region for the month of June."

Upchurch said the region uses about 2,400 pints a month. The county is about 100 pints short of its actual usage and will be further behind by the end of the month, he said.

Upchurch suggested a quota to help the county meet its 100 pints each visit, and asked for discussion. He suggested that Burlington supply 45 pints; McCain, 10; House of Raeford, 10; Knit-Away, 10; townspeople 10; county 10 and Tex-Elastic, 10.

The group discussed hours for the visit and means to facilitate the collection and agreed to announce further plans next week.

A similar make-up visit several years ago, wound around a rolling pin. See BLOOD, Page 7

# Town Saves Charter From Repeal

Dundarrach, the county's second incorporated town, almost lost its charter this spring before many of the residents even knew it had one.

A bill introduced in the General Assembly to repeal the charters of inactive towns and municipalities across the state included Dundarrach, but a petition signed by 22 persons in the community appears to have saved the town's incorporated status.

Dundarrach, along with 32 other towns, was excepted from the charter repeal bill in an amendment passed May 26.

Tom Jones, a resident of Dundarrach and official of the Dundarrach Trading Company, circulated the petition to save the town charter. He was first notified by Sam Morris, county chairman of the Democratic party, that the charter was to be repealed. Then a letter from Rep. Johnson, addressed to the "Mayor of

Dundarrach" found its way to him, somewhat delayed, he said, because the post office didn't know to whom to deliver it. A letter from Representative Gus Spero followed that, asking if anyone objected to the repeal.

"We got this letter saying they were going to take the charter away and a couple of people in the community said we ought to try to keep it and become active," Jones said.

So the petition was circulated and taken to Raleigh by Hoke Rep. Neill McFadyen, Jones said. In it the signers state "We are making plans and intend to become an active municipality."

Jones said the main community project now is to establish a fire district.

"We'll have to get organized to become an active town," he said, "and hold an election for mayor and town officials."

The move to repeal the charter came as a surprise to some in the county, who

didn't know that Dundarrach was incorporated in the first place.

"I thought Raeford was the only incorporated town in Hoke County," Raeford city manager John Gaddy said.

The charter was no surprise, however, to Mrs. Jones, a life - long resident of Dundarrach and niece of the first, and probably only, mayor of the town.

"We knew all along the town was incorporated," she said. "There used to be city limits signs but I guess they have been taken down."

Dundarrach was incorporated in Robeson County on Feb. 24, 1911, just two months before Hoke County was formed. L.A. McInnis was named mayor until the "time of the first election" and Edgar Hall, Jesse Gibson, M.C. McMillan and L.B. Smith were named commissioners.

The city limits were set out in the charter to form a mile square around the

depot. "The corporate limits of said town shall be as follows: Beginning at a point one half of a mile north from the center of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railway Company depot as it is now located at the station of Dundarrach, and running thence west one - half mile; thence south one mile; thence east one mile; thence north one mile; thence west one - half mile to the beginning; forming a perfect square, with the depot as the center."

The A&R depot still stands, used now, Mrs. Jones said, to store fertilizer.

The charter first came to light when state highway 20, through Dundarrach to St. Pauls was being paved, about 1938 or '39, E.E. Smith, clerk of the court, said.

"Nobody knew it was incorporated until then but a highway man came through and said it was and it caused all kinds of trouble putting that road through."

A check at the county register of deeds office last week failed to locate the charter, which is probably filed in Robeson County according to Joe Gullede, register of deeds.

But he knew about the charter and had even seen it, he said. A call to the state Department of Archives and History soon had a photostatic copy of the charter in the mail.

Dundarrach is listed among the towns in the North Carolina Gazetteer as a "town in south Hoke County." The population is given in the 1964 edition of The World Book atlas as 109.

There was once a school there and a post office was twice established in the depot. See DUNDARRACH, Page 7

## No Roads For Hoke

No highway projects for Hoke were included in this month's listing by the State Highway Commission of projects for which bids will soon be asked.

The commission announced details June 7 of 10 road projects in 12 counties containing 22 miles on which it plans to ask for bids this month.

Counties include Pitt, Wilson, Buncombe, Duplin - Lenoir, Sampson, Rockingham, Chatham, Lee, Ashe, Macon and Forsyth.

