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Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Last week in this column we had a letter from R.D. Dickson telling about the post office at Vollers. Mrs. Kate B. Covington sent me a receipt she found at her home that was given to her grandfather by Dr. A.P. Dickson on Oct. 1, 1891. Printed at the top of the statement on which the receipt was written was Vollers, N.C.

We thank Mrs. Covington for sending us this receipt.

Raz Autry was by the office this week and asked me to remind everyone about the member - guest golf tournament at Arabia on Saturday and Sunday, August 14 - 15. He urges those that wish to play to please sign up so that final plans can be worked out. The cost of the tournament is \$25 which includes a dinner Saturday afternoon.

We will start this week and continue for a number of weeks about grist mills and gins that were in Hoke County around the turn of the Century. The first will be the McDiarmid Mill that was located on the Turnpike road near where Bill Thomas now lives.

The following was written by W. T. McLean, a native of Hoke County who now lives in Clinton. He sent the following to H.R. McLean.

McDiarmid Grist Mill
On the road out by the J.C. Thomas farm, you will come to what was once a water powered Grist (Corn) mill which was formerly owned by William L. McDiarmid who we think built the pond and the mill. David McDiarmid, his son, owned and operated the mill. W.J. McDiarmid, his son, was we think the last owner to operate the mill.

Just before you reach the stream on which this mill was located, you will come to a slight hill or elevation which is located between a small stream and the mill stream and on the left is located the McDiarmid cemetery where several of our ancestors are buried. Some years ago the McDiarmid - McLean and other relatives replaced the old wooden fence with a steel fence and cleared up the cemetery. I have been to the cemetery once since it had been fenced with the steel fence and I don't know what the condition of it is at this time. William I. McDiarmid is buried in this cemetery and quite a number of relatives of the McDiarmid family.

W.J. McDiarmid and some associates erected a cotton gin some distance from the home and he secured the services of Mr. Jim (J.P.) Smith to operate the gin and this gin was dismantled and moved on the highway nearer Raeford about on the land line between W.J. McDiarmid and Mr. J.C. Thomas and to this operation was added a circular saw mill which was operated jointly between W.J. McDiarmid and J.C. Thomas. Later the gin was dismantled again and moved to a point opposite the J.C. Thomas home and located on the A. & R. Railroad. I judge this gin has been discontinued for some time.

We went with Mr. McLean (Hootch) and the gin mentioned above stood on the Aberdeen Highway this side of where Jim Lantz has his antique shop. According to Mr. McLean J.P. Smith had his plow shop behind the gin next to the A&R railroad.

Next week we will write about the McQueen Grist Mill on Beaver Dam creek.

County Tax Rate Remains \$1.50; Hearing Set For 1 Cent Sales Tax

Harward, Gentry Returning

Two personnel appointments were announced today for the Raeford Plant of Burlington Worsteds.

Bob M. Gentry was named personnel manager and Ashwell B. Harward was named assistant personnel manager. Both men have held Raeford positions in the past.

Gentry succeeds Larry Allgood, who transferred to Reidsville as personnel manager of the Reidsville Drapery Plant. Harward succeeds William I. Shankle, who will be transferring to the Halifax, Va., plant as assistant personnel manager.

Gentry will transfer to Raeford from Drakes Branch, Va., where he had served as personnel manager since 1962. He was an assistant personnel manager in Raeford in 1961 and also had served as office supervisor and as training manager for the plant. He joined Burlington in 1958.

A native of Roxboro, Gentry served two years in the U.S. Army (1952-54). He earned his B.A. degree from the

University of South Carolina in 1958.

He is a Methodist, and has been active in a number of civic organizations, including the Jaycees, Lions Club, and the Ruritan Club. His community activities include work with youth groups, the United Fund, Red Cross, and the Drakes Branch Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a former president.

His wife is the former Eleanor Stewart of Roxboro; they have three children.

Harward formerly served as personnel manager of the Lexington Plant of Burlington Worsteds. He was personnel manager at the Raeford Worsteds Plant from 1962 to 1970. He joined the Company in 1946 and was named training coordinator at the Raeford Worsteds Plant in 1958. He was named personnel manager of the Drakes Branch, Va., plant in 1960, and returned to Raeford as personnel manager in 1962. He has been personnel manager at

Lexington for the past year.

While serving in Raeford, Harward was a director of the Hoke County United Fund; the Boy Scouts; the Hoke County Boosters Club and is former president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a deacon in the Baptist Church and a Sunday School teacher.

He is a native of Durham and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

His wife is the former Eleanor Williams of Carboro; they have two children.



ASHWELL HARWARD



BOB GENTRY

State Can't Build Road To Landfill

For want of a road, the landfill is useless.

The city - county's badly - needed landfill can't begin operation until a half-mile road is built to the 60 acre site, located on land across Rockfish Creek purchased from the McKeithan estate.

And efforts to get a road to the site appear to be stalled.

County manager T.B. Lester said Tuesday that he was informed last week by Highway Commissioner Charles Dawkins that the state could not build a road to the landfill.

Dawkins met with other officials in Raleigh last week to discuss the road, Lester said.

County officials had planned to have the landfill open by July 1 and had foreseen no problems on the road construction. Several landfills in Cumberland County have been opened recently after roads to the sites were built by the state.

However, highway personnel working in the county told the commissioners at the last meeting that the road could not be built without being approved by the Commissioners at the State Highway Commissioners meeting.

After meeting in Raleigh, Dawkins said that the state could not build the road, Lester said.

"He said that he couldn't take money

Cotton Blooms

Cotton is blooming in the county now. Henry Maxwell, manager of the Johnson Company farm at Blue Springs, claims the county's first reported blooms on June 28.

Loose Livestock Complaint Ends In District Court

Allowing livestock to run loose resulted in a conviction in District Court Friday for Alexander Locklear of Shannon. Prayer for judgement was continued for five years with the court reserving the right to pass final judgment at any time during that period.

Locklear pleaded guilty to violation of the state stock law. A warrant signed by Donnie Halthcock and R.B. Ellis of Lumber Bridge alleged that Locklear allowed his livestock to run loose in Stonewall Township.

No court costs were assessed in the case.

Randall Tuton Mullinak of Greer, S.C. failed to appear for trial for driving under the influence and a cash bond of \$200 was ordered forfeited.

David Columbus Emanuel of Maxton pleaded guilty and was charged costs for failing to display a red flag at the end of a load.

Gordon L. Marshall, Jr. of Fayetteville was charged costs for fishing without a license.

Fred Melton Harris of

Halifax was fined \$5 and costs for speeding 60 in a 50 mph zone.

Melvin Reece Lynthacum of Biscoe was fined \$25 and costs for driving without a chauffeur's license.

Jasper Purdie of Lumber Bridge pleaded guilty to failing to decrease speed in time to avoid a collision and was sentenced to 30 days suspended and fined \$10 and costs.

Lonnie Leggett of Raeford was sentenced to 30 days with capias and or commitment to issue at any time during the next five years if he is convicted of assaulting or trespassing on the property of Kathryn Maynor. He was charged court costs.

Russell Washington Newcomb of Fremont was fined \$10 and costs for improper passing.

James T. Long of Raeford pleaded guilty to simple assault and was sentenced to 30 days suspended and fined \$10 and costs.

Garley Carpenter of Raeford was sentenced to 30 days suspended and fined \$10 and costs for allowing an unlicensed person to drive.

Thelma Stubbs of Raeford was sentenced to 30 days suspended and was charged court costs for driving without a license.

Herman Rogers Currie, Jr. of Aberdeen pleaded guilty to DUI and was sentenced to six months with capias and or commitment to issue at any time during the next 18 months upon conviction of a traffic violation. He was ordered not to drive for the next 12 months except under the conditions of a limited driving privilege and was fined \$150 and costs. The breathalyzer was .21 per cent.

The state took a nol pros and recalled the capias for James Marshall Ivey, Jr. of Parkton who was charged with public drunkenness.

The state took a nol pros upon payment of fines by Winford Jones of Shannon who was charged with assault with

deadly weapon.

The state took a nol pros with leave on a case against Willie Edward McLean of South Hoke who was charged with non - felonious breaking and entering.

Elsie Millon Jones of Rex pleaded guilty to driving on the wrong side of the highway and was sentenced to 30 days suspended and fined \$25 and costs.

Harold Allen of Gree, S.C. failed to appear for trial for aiding and abetting driving under the influence and a \$200 cash bond was forfeited.

Freddie W. Breeden of Rt. 2, Raeford pleaded guilty to two charges of selling wine and beer unlawfully. He was sentenced to six months suspended for two years on the condition that he not violate any prohibition laws for the next two years. He was fined \$100 and costs.

Ronie Lee Ciesco of Granite Quarry pleaded guilty to DUI, second offense, and was

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from other projects to pay for the road to the landfill," Lester said.

Highway engineers estimated that the road would cost \$3,000 to build, Lester said.

When Lester spoke with Dawkins last Friday, he asked for a letter to the county commissioners in time for their special meeting Monday explaining the reasons why the state could not construct the road and the alternatives open to the county. However, Lester said, he had not received any letter from Dawkins by Tuesday.

John Balfour, county commissioner, placed a call Tuesday to the staff of Gov. Robert Scott, asking for help in getting the road built.

The landfill was purchased this spring with \$7,100 in county funds and a \$5,500 grant from Advancement for the site and right - of - way for the road. The city has agreed to operate the landfill, with the county paying \$10,000 of the operating costs.

Lester estimated that the state would save the cost of the road construction in lessened clean - up costs.

"If we had that landfill, the county could conduct a clean-up campaign and we could enforce our litter and dumping ordinances," Lester said. "It would save money for the state in the long run."

You'd think with all the emphasis on fighting pollution, that we could get a road to the landfill."

Lester said that the county could not use taxes to build a road because it was not a necessary expense.

"That would be using county taxes to take over a state - run operation, since the state maintains the roads," Lester said. "I don't think the county can do that."

Hoke Roads Not Included

Bids totaling \$15,847,472.82 were received last week by the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly letting but no Hoke County projects were included.

There were ten projects in 12 counties involving more than 266 miles of road construction.

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

The Raeford Senior Citizens Friendship Club will meet at Raeford United Methodist Church on July 6 at 2:30.

The Rev. John Ropp, pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church, will speak at the meeting.

All members are urged to attend.

The inauguration of the new United States Postal Service on July 1, will be celebrated in Washington, D.C., and in every post office across the country.

Postmaster Charlie Morrison has announced that all members of the community are invited to visit their local post office on July 1 and enjoy the hospitality of the men and women who comprise the new U.S. Postal Service.

Dedication ceremonies in Washington will be hosted by Postmaster General Blount. Honored guests at the dedication will include members of Congress, former Postmasters General, the Board of

Governors of the new Postal Service and their wives, as well as Assistant Postmasters General, headquarters personnel and other dignitaries.

Visitors to the post office will be given a souvenir envelope imprinted with the old and new insignia of the Postal Service. This envelope will also be made available in limited numbers as a first day cancellation - for just the cost of an 8c stamp - by stamping and cancelling a supply of the souvenir envelopes in advance in all U.S. Post Offices.

A photographic display of modern Postal Service jobs and functions will help visitors learn more about the men and women of the Postal Service and how each mail user can help them to serve the community better. Postmaster Morrison also announced that there will be an employee available to explain mail processing for those desiring to see the work room area.

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The commissioners met Monday to approve the budget for the 1971 - 72 fiscal year. Acting about six weeks behind schedule, the commissioners have been waiting to approve the county budget until the state legislature indicated the state's course on Medicaid. The county budget is usually set in May.

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