

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

We hope that the rain that fell Monday afternoon and night and early Tuesday morning was general. We have had right much rain in Raeford but in other parts of the county rain was still needed. Especially around Arabia and Rockfish which missed about three of the showers that occurred in town.

Raz Autry states that the committee for the member guest tournament is not having much success. According to Raz many of the members think that the price is too high, so the committee has decided to drop it to \$15.00, and go with one meal. He states the committee must know by August 1st who will participate.

We received two letters Monday that we wish to share with our readers. The first letter came as a surprise and we thank the kids for the kind words:

The letter follows:
Dear Mr. Morris:
We are so thankful for the opportunity to have gone to Athens, Ga. to compete in the Junior Olympics. It was a great experience for all of us, and we will always remember the kindness of the people in sending us.
Sincerely, Debbie Little, Linda Davis, Janie Beatty, Barbara Lide, Pat McKoy, Bruce Morrison, and Alexander McMillan.

Dear Sam:
On behalf of the school and our youngsters that competed in the Junior Olympics I would like to express my deep appreciation to you, The News-Journal, the Radio Station, the Booster Club, and all the wonderful folks that made our trip to the Junior Olympics in Athens, Ga. possible.
Our youngsters performed magnificently, and all of Hoke County would have been proud of them, because their conduct and performance was above reproach.

Sincerely,
Raz Autry.

Once again thanks to the kids and also to Raz for the kind words. Be sure to read the write-up about the Junior Olympics and you will see the kids did real well in the competition.

Mrs. Raymond Ellis and Sheriff David Barrington are working to have a Reunion of the Class of 1951. This will be 20 years since graduation. They will have a meeting on August 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Courthouse and invite all class members in this area to attend and help with planning the reunion.

So if you finished Hoke High in 1951 go by the Courthouse and renew old acquaintances.

Neill J. Blue called Tuesday morning and said that to the best of his knowledge that Danny McGougan was the first four letterman at Hoke High School. Danny lettered in football, track, basketball and golf. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. McGougan of Stonewall Township. Danny plans to enter N.C. State University this fall.

Seven Hurt In Two Crashes

Seven persons received minor injuries in two collisions during the weekend.

A three-car collision Saturday morning resulted in injury. Mrs. Louise Jackson Stephens was treated at Raeford Medical Clinic following a crash at the corner of Prospect Avenue and Magnolia Street about 8 a.m.

Mrs. Stephens was stopped at the traffic light there, according to the accident report, when a car driven by Wesley Frank Day, Jr. of Red Springs struck the rear of her car, knocking her vehicle into a car driven by James Curtis McNair of Raeford.

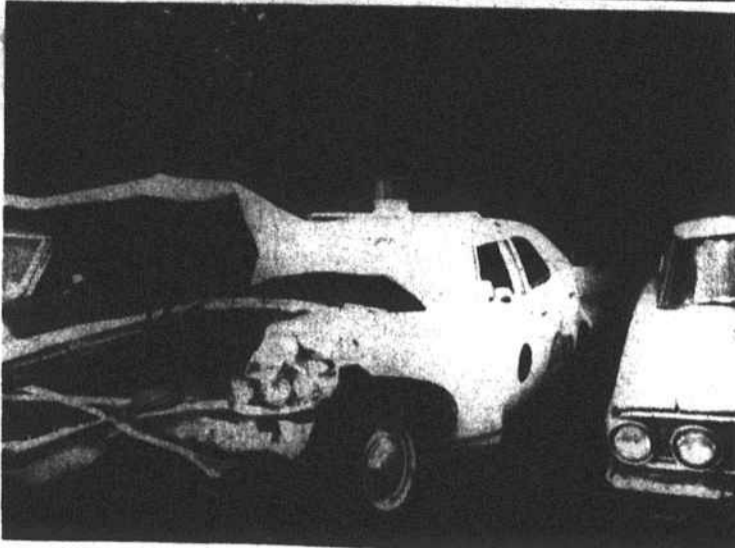
Total property damage was estimated at \$1,200.

Police chief L.W. Stanton was on his way to investigate this accident when he was involved in a crash at the corner of Magnolia and Edinborough.

Six persons were injured in a two-car collision on U.S. 401 near the Scotland County line Sunday morning.

According to Highway Patrolman K.W. Weston, Roy New, of Garland, attempted to turn left onto rural paved road 1200 on the path of a car heading south by Alphonzie Bain.

The crash occurred at 11:30 a.m. The injured persons were treated at Scotland Memorial Hospital. New was charged with unsafe movement.



WRECK CALL - Police chief L.W. Stanton, on his way to investigate a three-car accident on Prospect, was injured when a Kannapolis man, driving a stolen car, ran a stop sign at the intersection of Edinborough and Magnolia and crashed into the squad car. The driver of the stolen vehicle fled the scene.

Chief Stanton Injured In Two-Car Collision

Police Chief L.W. Stanton was injured Saturday in a collision between the police squad car and a stolen car driven by a Kannapolis man.

Chief Stanton was driving north on Magnolia Street enroute to investigate a three-car collision on Prospect when a car driven by Danny Quinn of Kannapolis ran a stop sign at Edinborough and hit the police car.

As soon as his car stopped on the lawn of Raeford Presbyterian Church, Quinn jumped from the vehicle and ran. A warrant charging him with felonious hit and run has been issued and sent to the sheriff in Concord, city policeman Leonard Wiggins said.

A passenger in the Quinn car, Clinton Thomas of Raeford, assisted the injured police chief and gave city police Quinn's name and address. Thomas was slightly injured and was treated at Raeford Medical Clinic.

Chief Stanton was seen at the clinic and was then taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment of three fractured ribs, neck and knee injuries.

He was expected to be released from the hospital this week.

Both cars were listed as total losses. The stolen car was identified as belonging to J.C. Gainey of Kannapolis.

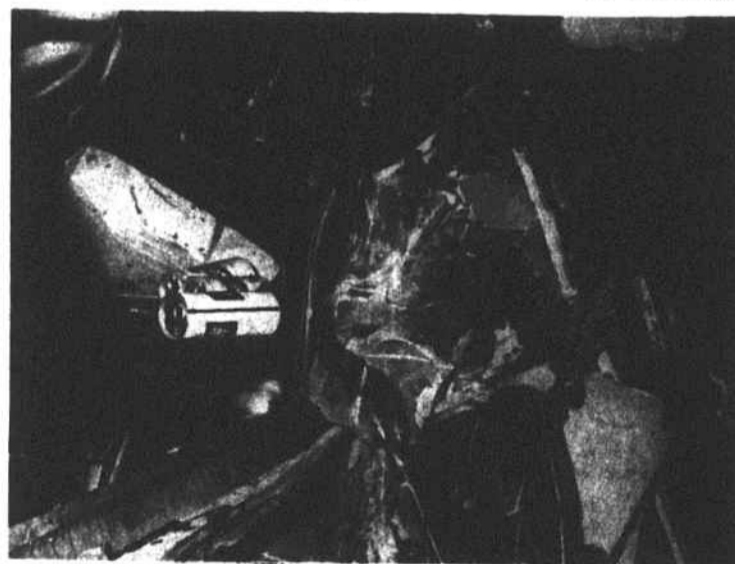
Two GIs Killed In Vass Road Crash

Two Ft. Bragg soldiers were killed Saturday evening when their car crashed into a bridge on Vass Road, north of Raeford.

The driver of the car 1/Sgt. Jerry Don Green, 30, and a passenger, PFC Walter Leon, 21, were killed. They were members of 519th Signal Company,

camped that weekend at nearby Mott Lake on the reservation. Two other passengers in the car were not injured.

According to Highway Patrolman Joe Stanley, the car went out of control at a high rate of speed on a curve just before the Rockfish Creek Bridge and slid sideways into the left side of the bridge.



TRAGEDY - Two Ft. Bragg soldiers died Saturday night after their car struck the bridge on Vass Road. The unopened beer cans rest intact on the back seat, contrasting with the demolished left side of the vehicle. The driver and passenger in the left back seat were both killed when a section of the wooden bridge railing went through the car and struck both men. Two other passengers were unhurt.

Debbie Little Jumps To U.S. Competition

Debbie Little took the girl's high jump at the Region III Junior Olympic track meet last Saturday to become one of two North Carolina youngsters to qualify for the national competition in August.

Seven Hoke County athletes competed in the meet in Athens, Ga., along with 500 other teenagers from six states. They all qualified for final rounds at the meet, but only Debbie took first place.

Raz Autry, who with Coach Glen Langdon and Mrs. Neill McPhatter and the girl's coach Billy Colston accompanied the students to the meet, gave an account of the events.

"It was a real fine weekend," Autry said. "This was the finest competition I have ever seen. It rivalled college track. There were some 300 youngsters from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina."

Debbie cleared the high jump with a 4' 10" leap. She has jumped higher, Autry said, clearing 5' at the state meet in Jacksonville in May.

The girl's 440 relay team, previously unopposed, placed fourth in final competition. Members of the relay team are Debbie Little, Janie Beatty, Linda Davis and Barbara Lide.

Janie Beatty placed fourth in the broad jump with a distance of 16'2".

Bruce Morrison placed fifth in the broad jump with a 21' 10" leap. The winning distance was 23 feet.

Alexander McMillan turned in a 10 second time to qualify for the finals in the 100 yard dash and repeated the time that afternoon in the finals but he placed seventh in the event. The winner ran it in 9.5 seconds, Autry said.

Pat McKoy placed fourth in the final round of the 80 yard low hurdles with a time of 12.2 seconds.

Debbie will leave for the national meet in Denver on August 1st. She will be accompanied by the other athletes from Charlotte to Atlanta, the chaplains. The place to be Air Force Station, Colorado Springs. She'll return on Aug. 13.

Expenses to the national meet will be paid by the Quaker Oats Company.

Board Imposes Sales Tax

Takes Effect September 1

The county commissioners voted Tuesday night to impose a county one per cent sales tax, to become effective September 1.

The tax was adopted in a special meeting after a sparsely-attended public hearing was held last Thursday.

The ordinance adopted provides for distribution according to population, which will return a larger share to the county government than would distribution according to valuation, county manager T.B. Lester explained. An estimated \$70,000 per year will go to the county and another \$20,000 to the city.

Provision of the ordinance restricts the uses of the tax money to necessary expenses, according to state law. Lester said. This would include expenditures for garbage collection and recreation, he said. County commissioners pledged some months ago to develop a countywide garbage disposal system and a recreation program if the sales tax was adopted.

A landfill site has been purchased already and will be put into operation as soon as the road, promised by the governor, is built.

Lester said examples of expenditures he did not believe would be allowed from the sales tax revenue would be funds for libraries or airports.

A total of 14 persons, besides the commissioners and county manager, attended the public hearing Thursday. Most of those favored the sales tax.

D.D. Abernethy, county school superintendent, spoke in favor of the tax, saying "I think the people want this tax."

The Rev. P.O. Lee, a retired Methodist minister, opposed the measure, saying it would hurt the poor man.

"If you put this before the people, they will tell you they are paying all the taxes they want and need to pay," he said.

However, the Rev. Herman Winberry, pastor of Raeford United Methodist Church, said he thought the tax was "a fair one for everybody."

Harold Gillis, who was chairman of the drive to enact the sales tax here two years ago, which was defeated by the voters, spoke in favor of the tax. However, he urged the commissioners to use it for specific, needed improvements, rather than just putting it into the general fund.

G.B. Rowland urged the commissioners to put the matter to a vote, rather than impose the tax as they were authorized to do by the 1971 General Assembly.

However, T.C. Jones, chairman of the board, indicated that day that the board was interested in imposing the tax without putting it to a vote.

Jones said that by the end of the year, a majority of the counties will have the additional sales tax and that most of those counties will have enacted the tax without a vote.

The commissioners made a tentative move some weeks ago to judge the feelings of county residents on the tax when they instructed Charles Hostetter, county attorney, to prepare petitions asking for a public hearing on the sales tax questions. However, the petitions were not circulated and the commissioners called for the hearing themselves.

Opposition to the tax is reported from a group of local merchants and from blacks, but they were not represented at the hearing.

Teachers At West Hoke Use New Reading Program

Students and teachers at West Hoke are trying out a new reading program in the county.

The summer students there are using the Sullivan programmed reading texts exclusively, while reading students in the other four schools are using other teaching materials.

Results so far have been encouraging, say Ernest Sutton, assistant superintendent, and teachers at West Hoke.

Programmed reading materials are not new and have been used in the county before. The Sullivan program differs from the others because it is more detailed and provides better remedial teaching than the others. Mrs. C.M. Lyons, supervisor of the project at West Hoke, says.

It is also harder on the teacher, Mrs. Patricia Pate said. The program is highly individualized, she said, and keeps teachers and aides on the run from student to student.

Some group work is done also, but a large part of the program depends on the student working by himself with the various books. They are able to read the stories and work in the work books, which have self-correcting features. For example, the workbook pages are covered with an acetate sheet on which the answer choice seen through the clear sheet is circled. The correct answer can then be checked immediately by lifting a solid portion of the sheet to uncover the correct choice.

The summer program is designed to raise the reading level of the students so that they can function more nearly at their correct grade level, Sutton said.

In addition to being a more detailed program, it also seems to hold the interest of the student's better than conventional reading programs, Mrs. Lyons said.

"Of all the summer programs I've worked with, they seem most interested in this," she said.

Besides Mrs. Lyons, five other teachers are using the Sullivan program. They are, Mrs. Annie Williams, Mrs. Lucille Robinson, Mrs. Patricia Pate, Mrs. Dorothy Farrow and Mrs. Mattie Beatty.

About 600 students, including English students at Hoke High, are taking summer school classes. There are 139 enrolled in the program at West Hoke.

Donkey Game Reset Wed.

The donkey softball game, set for Tuesday night, was cancelled by a thunderstorm, but determined Jaycees reset the match for Wednesday night.

The Raeford Jaycees fielded a team of all-stars to meet the City Slickers - the tournament-winning A&P team, as the two teams took to their asses to play ball on donkeyback.

Proceeds from the game are to be used for the Raeford Jaycee community projects.

County Still Waits For Landfill Road

The estimate has been completed on the cost of building a half mile road to the landfill site but no word has come on when construction will begin, county manager T.B. Lester said.

Lester was told three weeks ago by Wylie Earp, assistant to Gov. Robert Scott, that the state would be able to build the road.

Highway commissioner Charles Dawkins had earlier told the county that the state would not be able to build the road using highway funds, however, Lester said, he understood the funds would come from the governor's office. Highway department engineers made the cost estimate soon after Earp called but nothing has been done since then, Lester said.

Both Lester and T.C. Jones, chairman of the county commissioners, have spoken to Commissioner Dawkins several times about the landfill road, Lester said,

but Dawkins has told them that the construction has not yet been approved and he has no idea when it will be.

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OFF TO ATHENS - Seven Hoke High athletes pose for a picture Friday morning before leaving to compete in the Region III Junior Olympics track meet in Athens, Ga. last Saturday. All the students qualified for final competition in that meet and Debbie Little, center, won the high jump to qualify for national competition in Denver next month. Left to right are Bruce Morrison, Janie Beatty, Barbara Lide, Debbie Little, Pat McKoy, Linda Davis and Alexander McMillan.