

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

We received the following letter from Mike Wood, president of the Hoke High Booster Club.

As the upcoming Booster membership drive begins, this is a plea to all former Hoke Athletes to buy a membership and to help the few present members to sell these memberships. There are many past athletes still living and working in this community that at one time or another benefitted from past membership drives, such as, football camp, trophies, etc.

This is a plea from all races. There has come a time for all races to participate in the activities of the booster club whose prime purpose is to help all athletes and supporters to good wholesome entertainment.

Thank you: Mike Wood

The Booster Club is in dire need of funds to send the football team to camp and Mike is asking for help. We know that the citizens of Hoke County will not let him down, because when the chips are down they have always come through. For instance, take the aid to the Rescue Squad and the Bloodmobile drive. So let's all pitch in and help Mike and become active Booster members.

Mrs. Chalmers Davis informed me this week that the Hoke High School Classes of 1940, 1941 and 1942 would have a reunion Sunday, August 15 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the W.T. Gibson School Cafeteria. She said that all members of these classes are invited to attend.

Brown Hendrix was a happy man last Saturday after he had recovered about \$7000 worth of his golf equipment that was stolen last week. We suspect that the thieves would have been surprised to find that every set of irons had the five iron missing and the three wood missing from each set of woods. Brown said that he started doing this after a breakin earlier. We think that the thieves would have had a hard time getting rid of this equipment.

Don't forget the member - guest tournament at the Arabia Golf Course this weekend. Raz Autry said the entries were the largest ever. So if you don't play, go out and watch and enjoy the fellowship.

Several members of the 1951 Hoke High graduating class met Sunday to complete plans for a class reunion. The dates for the reunion are Oct. 22 - 23. Any class member in Hoke County who would like to help with the preparations on either of these nights is asked to contact Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr.

## Debbie Little Trying For National AAU Title

Debbie Little left Monday for Colorado to compete in the fifth annual National AAU Junior Olympic championships, taking place between Aug. 9 - 13.

Miss Little, 15, won the right to represent the North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama area by capturing the Region III competition in the high jump on July 17 at the University of Georgia.

Before that she took first place in the North Carolina AAU Association Junior Olympics held June 5 at Jacksonville. The first three finishers at that meet were eligible to compete in the regional finals.

Mrs. Little will accompany her daughter to the national competition. The AAU Junior Olympic program, sponsored nationally by the Quaker Oats Company, is conducted each year throughout the 58 district associations of the AAU across the nation. Competition in thirteen Olympic sports -- basketball, boxing, gymnastics, judo, luge, swimming and diving, synchronized swimming, track and field, water polo, weightlifting and wrestling -- is permitted under an agreement with the United States

## School Calendar

Aug. 30	Teachers' first work day
Sept. 1	First regular school day
Sept. 6	Labor Day vacation
Oct. 22	NCAE meeting (No school)
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving vacation
Dec. 20-31	Christmas vacation
Jan. 25	Teacher work day (no school)
Mar. 30	Easter vacation
Apr. 4	Last student day
June 5	Last day for teachers

# Pentagon Group Will Visit Here Aug. 24 To Inspect Army Program

## Law Changes Local Taxes

City and county taxpayers will have two less months to pay taxes at a discount, if one is approved, next year and the penalty for late payment will be increased.

These are two of the changes that will result from a tax bill passed this year by the state legislature. Palmer Willcox, city attorney who attended a conference on the tax changes, explained some of the provisions of the new law.

Next year, any tax discount for early payment will have to be approved by both the local government and the state board of assessments, Willcox said. The discount will only be allowed through Sept. 1, instead of the present Nov. 30 deadline.

The current discount schedule is 2% in July, 1% in September and October and 1/2% through November.

The penalty for late payment has been increased from a maximum of 6% to 9% a year. Under the new law, a 2% penalty is charged for payment after Jan. 1, and 1/2% of 1% is charged for each month after January. This will be effective Jan. 1, 1972.

A discount for this year's taxes was approved by both the city council and county commissioners after the new law was passed in early July. The discount will apply until Nov. 1 for this year's taxes.

## Thefts Noted In County

A series of thefts in the county were reported this week to the sheriff's department.

Reported missing were six sheets of tobacco stolen from a barn at Upchurch farms last Thursday; a television from the home of James A. Cook, Rt. 2, Raeford, last Thursday night or Friday morning; and two water pumps taken from new homes in the South Hoke area.

Also reported missing were two rear tires stolen from a county - owned car parked for the summer at the school bus garage on Highway 211.

Investigations into the thefts are continuing, the sheriff said. No arrests have been made.



CAMPERS - Six county youngsters left this week for 4-H senior camp at Camp Mitchell near Swansboro. The weeklong session will feature advanced and special activities designed for older 4-H'ers. Packing up are (from left) Bryce Nicholson, Charles Willis, Kathy Leach, Becky Stone, Theresa McCraney, and Jo Ann Register. Miss Brenda Abrams, assistant home agent, went with them.

## Goods Returned To Arabia Club Abernethy At HEW Meeting

About \$7,000 worth of golf equipment -- or nearly 85 per cent of the amount stolen from Arabia Club a week ago -- was recovered by the Red Springs police, Brown Hendrix, owner of the club, reported.

Hendrix estimated that about \$8,000 worth of equipment was stolen from the pro shop Aug. 2. The equipment was recovered early that morning near Red Springs and several arrests followed. The Red Springs police chief said his department received a tip that led to the arrests.

"I surely do appreciate who ever gave the police that tip that helped me get my equipment back," Hendrix said.

Hendrix commented that the clubs stolen from the shop were not complete sets, as he always removes a wood and an iron in order to keep records of sales.

A burglar alarm is being installed in the pro shop soon, Hendrix said.

D.D. Abernethy, county superintendent of schools, will meet Friday in Atlanta with representatives from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to discuss federal emergency desegregation funds.

Last year the county received \$89,000 from the fund, Abernethy said. The money was used to build temporary class rooms by the vocational students to build temporary class rooms. Other uses included two additional teachers, nine aides, and supplies for girls from home economic students from deprived families.

## No Projects

No highway projects were included for Hoke County in the list of projects approved last week by the State Highway Commission.

A total of 16 projects containing 52 miles in 17 counties were approved for bids later this month.

## Drunk Or In Shock? Judge Ponders Question In Case

A passenger in a car in which two persons were killed recently was found guilty in District Court Friday of public drunkenness and obstructing an officer.

SGT. Mitchel Young of Ft. Bragg pleaded guilty to both charges but told Judge Joseph Dupree that he had had nothing to drink before the accident and that his behavior was the result of shock. SGT. Young was a passenger in the auto that crashed into the Rockfish Creek bridge on Vass Road several weeks ago, killing the driver and a passenger instantly and then continuing for several hundred feet after the crash.

Highway Patrolman Joe Stanley testified that Young had caused trouble during the investigation of the wreck and that there was a strong odor of alcohol about him.

Dr. Riley Jordan, called by the court to testify as the medical examiner at the scene of the wreck, told Judge Dupree that Young's actions could have been the result of shock, drugs or alcohol.

Without ruling either way on the drunkenness charge, Judge Dupree accepted the guilty plea and ordered prayer for judgment continued for two years with the court reserving the right to pass final judgment at any time during that period. Except for the expert witness fee for Dr. Jordan, court costs were remitted.

Johnny Lee Scott of Shannon pleaded guilty to DUI and was sentenced to six months suspended for two years. He was ordered not to

drive for the next 12 months and was fined \$150 and costs. The breathalyzer reading was .11 per cent.

Ronald Lynn Bullard of Sanford pleaded guilty to careless and wreckless driving and was sentenced to four months suspended for 18 months and was fined \$100 and costs. The state took a nol pros on a DUI charge. There was no breathalyzer reading.

Earl Franklin Harrington of Wagram pleaded guilty to careless and wreckless driving and was sentenced to four months suspended for 18 months. He was fined \$100 and costs.

PFC John Thomas White of Ft. Bragg pleaded guilty to careless and wreckless driving and was sentenced to four months suspended for 18 months. He was fined \$100 and costs. The state took a nol pros on a DUI charge. There was no breathalyzer reading.

Robert Lee Wynn of Shannon pleaded guilty to DUI, second offense and was sentenced to six months suspended for two years. He was ordered not to drive for the next two years and was fined \$250 and costs. The breathalyzer reading was .16 per cent.

Paul Billinger of Raeford pleaded guilty to DUI and driving without a license. He was sentenced to six months suspended for 18 months and was fined \$150 and costs. The breathalyzer reading was .19 per cent.

Prayer for judgment was continued for Harold Brown Currie of Red Springs who

pleaded guilty to a stop sign violation.

Roosevelt McLean pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property. Prayer for judgment was continued on the condition that McLean pay \$173 to Heilig - Meyers Furniture Company and pay court costs.

Rogers Massey of Raeford was found not guilty of injury to property.

Louis Junior Courtney of Monroe pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and was sentenced to six days in jail retroactive to date of arrest.

Prayer for judgment was continued until Aug. 27 for Abraham McGee of Raeford who pleaded guilty to injury to personal property.

Bruce Graham of Raeford was found not guilty of exceeding a safe speed.

The state took a nol pros on the following charges: Bonnie Southern Morris, Red Springs, assault by pointing a pistol; Britton Clark Red Springs, assault.

MAGISTRATES COURT The following persons pleaded guilty and their cases were processed by the magistrates.

John Thomas McLaughlin, Lumberton, worthless check for \$25 to Bobby Lee Campbell, pay check and costs.

Terry J. Coe, Jacksonville, worthless check for \$15 to Ora R. Tucker, pay check and costs.

Roy L. Leach, Raeford, worthless check for \$15 to Kenneth Oxendine, pay check and costs.

A visit to the county by high level members of the defense department to look at the Army domestic action program here is scheduled for Aug. 24.

Roger T. Kelley, assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs, and chairman of the Defense Department domestic action council, will spend several hours here observing the program with other members of the council before flying by helicopter to Anson County to inspect the Army program there.

About 25 officials are expected to be in the party from Washington. They will be met at Pope Air Force Base by Lt. Gen. John H. Hay, commanding general of XVIII Corps and Ft. Bragg, who will also accompany them to Hoke and Anson counties.

They will be flown to the county health center where they will be met by Special Forces captain, George Reavell, who will explain the medical and paramedical activities in the county. After that, they will tour the medical clinic at South Hoke School and will see the new mobile clinic for multi - phasic medical screening in operation in that area.

Next the group will meet at the Civic Center for a lunch sponsored by the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce. City and county leaders have been invited to lunch with the council members to discuss the program with them.

The group will leave the county after lunch to visit the Special Forces summer youth camp just concluded in Anson County.

Besides Kelley, the council includes Robert C. Moot, assistant secretary of defense, comptroller; Barry J. Shillito, assistant secretary of defense for installations and logistics; Daniel Z. Henkin, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs; Dr. Louis M. Rousselot, assistant secretary of defense for health and education; Dr. John L. McCluck, under secretary of the Air Force; Donald W. Snull, acting assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs; Robert H. Willey, assistant secretary of the Navy, manpower and reserve affairs; Lt. Gen. Earl C. Hedlund, director, defense supply agency; Frank A. Bartimo,

assistant general counsel for manpower and reserve affairs; Dr. Eberhardt Reichtin, principal deputy director, director defense research and engineering; and Brig. Gen. Paul C. Watson, director, J-L (personnel) Joint Chief of Staff.

Either the council member or his representative is expected to be here, according to COL David B. McFadden, assistant chief of staff, G-5.

The council is visiting the projects here and in Anson County in order to see at first hand the domestic action program now being carried out by the military, COL McFadden said.

This visit is a continuation of several visits made to other parts of the country in which domestic action programs are located. Last month, the group visited Warner - Robbins AFB in Macon, Ga. for the same sort of tour, he said.

The council is expected to spend about three hours in the county. The lunch is scheduled for an hour and 15 minutes, in order to give the defense department and civilian leaders an opportunity to meet and discuss the program.

## Area Tourney Played Here

The District III area softball tournament began at Armory Park Wednesday with the first four games of a 14 - game tournament. The championship will be decided Saturday night.

First round pairings were Hoke Moose against Chavis Plumbing; Ralph's Mobile Home against a Scotland team; Pepsi - Cola against Carter's and Scottish Packing against Sealtest Dairy.

Four games Thursday night will include two in the winner's bracket and two in the loser's bracket.

The semi - finals will be played Friday and the championship will be decided Saturday between the top teams in the two brackets.

Games will begin at 6:30 each evening.

## Rep. Lennon Visits Aug. 24

Congressman Alton Lennon will visit the county Aug. 24.

Rep. Lennon will be at the court house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as part of his visit throughout the district during the congressional recess from Aug. 7 to Sept. 7.

"In an effort to assist my constituency in matters relating to the federal government, I will be available in each county," the congressman said.