

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Parents of seniors at Hoke High School should remember the meeting with the Guidance Counselors and Principal Raz Autry Thursday night, August 26 at the Gibson Cafeteria at 7:15 p.m. The time has been changed because of football scrimmage at 7:15. According to the principal this is a very important meeting so be sure to attend.

The Hoke High Booster club is selling ads for the football programs and also asking citizens to join the club to help financially with the athletic programs at Hoke High. While looking for items to put in the "Browsing in the files" we noted that the Booster Club got started 15 years ago. About 40 people met at Lake Alice for a fried chicken supper and then discussed ways to aid the athletic program at the high school.

The program at the school had been weak for a number of years and attendance was at a very low ebb. With the club taking over the sale of season tickets and other duties it left the coaching staff free to carry on with the athletic program. The coaches that year were Floyd Wilson and George Wood.

J.L. McNeill was the first president of the Booster Club and from that year up until the present time it would be hard to estimate how much money the Boosters have raised for the school. Not only the money but attendance at games has improved, not only at home, but also on the road.

The first season tickets sold were for football, basketball and baseball and the price of the ticket was only \$6.

The school now has a very strong program and has upped the program to where they participate in almost every kind of sport. This has come about not only through the aid of the Booster Club, but also the hard work of the school officials and the coaching staff.

So if you haven't joined the Hoke High Booster Club, do so today, and help us celebrate the 15th anniversary of the club.

The college group is now preparing to go for the first time or return for another year. We would like for someone to let us know if anyone in the family is going to college so that we can include them on our college list that will run soon in the paper.

Bernard Bray, auto tycoon, was telling me a tale about Charlie Hostetler and Tom McBryde the other day at the post office. Something about suits of clothes and shoes. If you want to hear a good story, call up Bray and he will be glad to take time and relate the tale to you.

We notice that the principal at Hoke High once again has published his dress code. We expect the barbers will be busy for a few days. We expect some of the teenagers haven't been in the barber shop since last spring.

Burial will be in Raeford Cemetery. McMillian, 42, was a native of Hoke County and was a leader for many years in civic and community activities here. He graduated from Hoke County High School and attended Brevard College.

An ardent city booster, he once explained "For me, the world begins and ends right here in Raeford."

In addition to serving in the city government, McMillian was chief of the Raeford fire department, a deacon for the past 12 years in Raeford Presbyterian Church, a member of the Saddle Club and the Woodmen of the World, a precinct chairman for many years in the county Democratic party, a director of the Raeford Savings and Loan Association and owner and operator of City Cleaners.

He coached the fire department softball team in its first season this year and was awarded the sportsmanship trophy by the other coaches at the end of the season.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Cox McMillian; a daughter, Pam McMillian of the home and a son Phillip A. McMillian of the Air Force; his mother, Mrs. C.C. McMillian of Rt. 1, Shannon; a sister, Mrs. Joe Scott of Rt. 1, Shannon.

Pentagon Officials Take A Look At Army's Public Health Project

Masked Men Rob Couple

An elderly couple, forced from their home in the Duffie Station area last Friday morning by tear gas, were left tied in a tool shed by four masked men who robbed their home, Sheriff D.M. Barrington reported.

Alex McCormick, a farmer and store keeper, and his wife were awakened about 3 a.m. Friday by tear gas coming into the room through a hole cut in the window screen, the sheriff said. They ran out of the house and were seized in the yard by four masked men dressed in coveralls.

The McCormicks were tied and put in a storage shed, Sheriff Barrington said. About 5:30, Mrs. McCormick worked free of her bonds and untied McCormick. They called the sheriff's office then.

About \$300 was reported missing from the house, the sheriff said. This is the second robbery at the McCormick's in the last few weeks, he said. Several weeks ago, a safe was taken from McCormick's store but there was little cash in it at the time.

Sheriff Barrington has requested the aid of the State Bureau of Investigation on the case. The robbery appears to have been the work of professionals and is probably not a one county operation, the sheriff said.

Bowlers Will Meet Sunday

A meeting of all persons interested in bowling in the Raeford Merchants' Bowling League has been called for Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Raeford Civic Center, Thomas D. Walker, league president, announced.

Team captains of the 1970-71 season are urged to be present if they plan on having a team during the upcoming year.

Lenon Discusses Busing, Freeze During Hoke Visit

President Nixon's attack on the busing order in Austin was political and can't help but confuse parents further on the school busing problems, Representative Alton Lennon said here Tuesday.

"There is a vast misunderstanding on the part of the average parent over the difference between a court order based on the Supreme Court decisions and an HEW ruling based on the fact that they will withhold federal money to the school if it doesn't comply," he said.

"President Nixon's attack on the Austin busing was a political decision to gain support in Texas. People now will think that it applies everywhere."



HEAD TABLE -- Dignitaries stand before the invocation is given by the Rev. Allen Smythe (far right) at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday. At the head table are (from left) T.C. Jones, chairman of the county commissioners; Rep. Alton Lennon, Seventh District congressman; D.D. Abernethy (almost hidden) chairman of the board of health; Dr. John L. McClucas, under secretary of the Air Force; C.D. Bounds, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Gen. John H. Hay, commander of XVIII Corps and Ft. Bragg; Graham Clark, serving as mayor pro-tem; and Smythe.

School Starts Next Week; Teachers Are Assigned

School starts in less than a week for students and teachers here. Teachers begin Monday and the first day for students is Wednesday. There will be no registration day and Wednesday will be a full school day.

Teacher assignments were announced this week by the county superintendent's office.

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Chamber Hosts Visitors' Lunch

The Washington officials came down to look at Hoke County Tuesday and county residents turned out to look at the officials, but it turned out that the top ranking man in the delegation was a hometown boy -- almost.

The 47 military and civilian visitors, arriving in nine helicopters from Ft. Bragg, came to the county to see the Army's domestic action program here.

A luncheon was arranged following their tour, to give the delegation a chance to discuss the program with community leaders here.

Dr. John L. McClucas, under secretary of the Air Force and ranking man, spoke briefly after the lunch. "It's good to get back to God's country," he said. "I'm from Fayetteville."

Dr. McClucas said he was born in Dillon, S.C. and lived for some time in Fayetteville.

The group included representatives from the Department of Defense Domestic Action Council, staff members from the House Armed Services Committee and the office of Sen. Edward Brooke and military officers from departments concerned with domestic action programs. A total of 30 came from Washington for the tour.

They were joined at Ft. Bragg by Lt. Gen. John H. Hay, Maj. Gen. George S. Blanchard, Brig. Gen. Henry Emerson and other officers.

They flew to Raeford airport and travelled by bus to the health center, where Cpt. George T. Reavell explained the projects of the Special Forces physicians and medics there. After that, they flew to South Hoke School to see the clinic there.

They returned by helicopter to Raeford, landing on the practice field at Hoke High. The luncheon, sponsored by the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, was held at the civic center.

Rep. Alton Lennon, who was visiting in the county that day, attended the luncheon, along with community leaders from the city and county. A total of 112 persons were included at the luncheon.

Sherry, supplied by the Army, and appetizers were served on the civic center patio before lunch, giving the officials and county citizens a chance to meet and mingle.

The lunch was prepared and served by Miss Josephine Hall, Mrs. Jake Austin, Mrs. Harold Gillis, Mrs. Leonard Frahm, Mrs. Graham Pope, Mrs. J.W. Walker and Mrs. Jim McBryde.

After lunch, C.D. Bounds, president of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the group and introduced Dun D. Abernethy, chairman of the county board of health.

Abernethy said: "I want to express appreciation to each of you for the role you are playing in the betterment of Hoke County. You are benefiting us more than you will ever know and perhaps more than we ourselves will ever realize."

Dr. McClucas praised the mutual cooperation between the military and civilian community on the projects in the county and commented that the domestic action programs seem to be beneficial to the military as well as to the civilian



J. D. McMILLIAN

More Cases In Court

Man Held For Rape, Robbery

A Hoke County man is being held in jail without bond, accused of rape and armed robbery.

Leroy Carthans was arrested Saturday night and charged with robbing a store at Duffie Station and of raping the 17-year-old daughter of the store operator.

According to Sheriff D.M. Barrington, a man entered the living quarters at the store early Saturday morning and held a knife to the throat of the girl while he sexually assaulted her.

Lowery Gets 17-27 Years

Hubert Lowery, Jr. was sentenced last week in superior court to a term of 17 to 27 years in prison after pleading guilty to second degree murder.

The state accepted the plea of guilty to the lesser charge. Lowery was originally charged with first degree murder, which carries a penalty of life imprisonment or death.

Lowery was convicted of the shotgun slaying of Bobby Strong of Shannon on March 11.

The defense presented character witnesses for Lowery before he was sentenced by superior court judge Clarence W. Hall.

robbery; Wellon Tuddy Scott, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Leon McPhaul, murder; Lloyd Hite, Ray Thornton, William Stewart and John R. Carroll, escape.

Hite Thornton, Stewart and Carroll all pleaded guilty to felonious escape. Hite and Thornton received six months sentences. Stewart was sentenced to ten months and Carroll was sentenced to nine months.

Jerry Hyatt, 16, pleaded guilty to larceny and was sentenced to 12 months at the county jail. Credit on the sentence was given for the 67 days he was confined in jail before being tried.

Hyatt was charged with stealing a wallet containing \$100 from the Dixie One Stop Station on April 30.

Kenneth Ray Lowery pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to four months in prison. Lowery was appealing a six months active sentence for DUI in district court.

Prayer for judgment was continued until November for Johnny Lee Harris, who pleaded guilty to larceny.

Prayer for judgment was continued until the November term for George and Bertha Hollingsworth, who both pleaded guilty to violation of liquor laws.

The state took a nol pro on charges pending against Neil McCouchy, accused of larceny by trick, and Ronald Eugene Taylor, accused of non-support.