

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Many people in Hoke County have been entering the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes. Tuesday morning Avery Connell came by the office with the letter that follows.

Dear Mr. Connell:
Our heartfelt congratulations to you! Your entry in the READER'S DIGEST \$150,000 Springtime Sweepstakes was a very lucky number -- you have won a cash prize of \$25,000.

Your check will be mailed to you within the next four weeks.

Thank you for your interest in the READER'S DIGEST, and once again, please accept our congratulations for your winning entry.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Betty Glass

As far as we know this is the first winner for Hoke County.

Another letter we received last week was from Trooper and Mrs. Donald G. King of Henderson. Trooper King worked for Raeford Oil Company before going to Patrol school. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. Morris:
Thought you would like to know that The News-Journal is even in Henderson, N.C.

Several residents of Henderson read the "Dress Code" of Hoke High out of our hometown paper and were very much impressed.

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The article was a letter to the editor of the Henderson Daily Dispatch. The letter follows:

To the Editor:
A set of school rules and dress code which have been in effect at Hoke County high school at Raeford for several years has come to my attention.

They appear to have merit and are worthy of thought by local principals and school people. Perhaps they would be equally applicable in Henderson and Vance County.

The rules followed.
The letter was signed by Mrs. C. Dickerson.

Another letter from Mrs. Gladys Long follows:

"A little advice to all people visiting friends or relatives in the hospital. While we, the Long family, were visiting Mrs. Edward Long in a private room last Thursday night we left our pocketbooks in her room to go and see the new baby in the nursery. When we returned we found out \$105.00 had been stolen out of our purses. There was nothing that could be done so we learned our lesson about leaving our purses unattended. So please everybody always keep your purse by your side at all times. You just can't trust people nowadays."

Workers Go To Meeting

Four Department of Social Services workers are attending a regional meeting of the American Public Welfare Association today in Raleigh.

Delegates from nine states are attending the annual regional meeting of national association.

Attending from Hoke County are Mrs. Jane Miller, Mrs. Frances Cox, Mrs. Carolyn Patterson and Lew McNeill.

Wage-Price Freeze Has Little Effect In Hoke

The wage-price freeze, imposed a month ago by President Nixon, has had little effect here, Raeford merchants say.

Most Main Street merchants questioned Friday said the price freeze had made no difference in their operation.

"It hasn't affected me one bit," Mrs. Theresa McBryde, owner of Theresa's Dress Shop, said. Buying was a little heavier now, she said, but probably no more than normal for a back-to-school month.

Walter Coley, owner of Hoke Drug Store, said he could see little difference yet in people's buying habits but he expected the results to be more apparent toward the end of the three month freeze.

"I think it will give people a little bit of confidence," he said.

Coley said he could see an effect of the freeze on the prices he was paying for his stock.

"Prices were climbing every week," he said. "We'd have to check the invoices each week to know how to price and a lot of time we wouldn't go out and change our retail price on things already on the shelf so, in effect, our profit margin was getting smaller. The price freeze has added stability."

William Howell, owner of Howell Drug Company, also mentioned the climbing drug prices but said his buying was such that he could not tell any real difference yet.

"The freeze has been on such a short time, that it's hard to tell if prices have

Road Work Approved

Some Hoke County roads were included in the list of 32 projects announced last week by the State Highway Commission.

Bids will be requested later this month on the projects in 32 counties containing 289 miles.

The Commission approved the resurfacing of 44.59 miles of roads in Moore and Hoke counties. Included in the project will be seven sections of primary roads and 23 sections of secondary roads.

VEE Clinics Set Saturday

Four vaccination clinics against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis (VEE) for horses, ponies and mules will be held in the county Saturday, Wendell Young, farm agent, announced.

The vaccination, given by Dr. Thomas Staton, will be free at the clinics. Four other clinics will be held on Sept. 25.

VEE is a deadly equine disease that has spread from Mexico into Texas and from there throughout the nation. There have been no reported cases in North Carolina, Young said, but some cases of VEE have been confirmed in South Carolina. All unvaccinated horses are quarantined to their farm, he said.

Clinics will be held at these locations:
Oakdale Gin -- 10-12 a.m.
Dundarrach Trading Company -- 12-2 p.m.
The Old School in Rockfish -- 2-4 p.m.
Puppy Creek Fire Station in Wayside -- 4-6 p.m.

Hoke Has New Social Worker

Plummer Locklear began work Wednesday with the Hoke County Department of Social Services as a social worker.

He is a graduate of Pembroke State University and has worked in public welfare with the Baltimore Department of Public Welfare.

Locklear lives with his wife and one child in the Antioch section.

Bloodmobile Is Coming

The Bloodmobile will make its first visit of this fiscal year here Sept. 28 from 12:50-3:30 p.m. at the Raeford United Methodist Church, Bloodmobile chairman Clyde Upchurch announced this week.

Upchurch said he hopes for a normal collection of 120 pints to get the county started on its quota for the year.

"We don't want to get in the bind we did last spring," he said.

The county had to have a special make-up collection last June in order to remain in the Red Cross blood program. More than 200 pints were collected then.

stopped going up," he said. "Some things that I think may have increased, I may just not have ordered in awhile."

Howell said he approved of the freeze. "I think it should have been done a long time ago," he said.

The freeze has helped car sales, Smith McNeill said at Hoke Auto Company said.

The administration is asking for the elimination of the 7% excise tax on cars effective Aug. 15 and auto manufacturers are advertising a refund for buyers now if the measure is approved by Congress.

The other merchants questioned said the freeze had made no difference in their store.

There has been no information on the freeze given to merchants, Ed McNeill, owner of Home Food Market, said.

"I don't know much about it other than what I read in the paper and see on TV," he said.

McNeill said he did not have a list of prices for the last 30 days before the freeze posted and had not been told he needed one. However, a spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service, which is investigating complaints of price increases, said last week that merchants are supposed to provide a list for customers to see of their prices for the 30 days prior to the freeze.

A price list in other stores checked was not apparent either.

There have been few complaints of price freeze violations anywhere in the South, officials say.

After three weeks of the wage-price freeze, voluntary compliance appears to

Rescue Squad Will Hold Open House This Sunday



VEE SAFE -- Laurie Ross of Rt. 1, Raeford, holds her pony for Dr. Thomas Staton to give the vaccination against Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis at a VEE clinic at Stanton Farms Saturday. Laurie helped bring several horses from the "Last Dollar Ranch" near the airport, to the clinic. About 60 horses were vaccinated Saturday and other clinics are planned this month. Photo by Lee Gillis

The Hoke County Rescue Squad will open their new building to the public Sunday with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m.

There will be a tour of the facilities, an equipment display and refreshments.

The move to the new building, located on Adams Street next to the National Guard Armory, completes a year-long effort to provide a spacious, modern home for the Rescue Squad. Before the building was constructed, squad equipment was housed in an old Upchurch airport building.

The lot for the new building was donated to the squad by the county last summer. Since then, the Rescue Squad has conducted plate sales and donations have been given from the community to construct the building.

The Rescue Squad is funded by the city and county governments and by the United Fund.

Squad members assist law enforcement officers at traffic accidents and search and rescue operations. They also aid in traffic control at Hoke High football games and at parades.

Squad equipment includes a 1969 station wagon and a 1971 carry-all van. They also have a boat and trailer for water rescue.

The Rescue Squad was organized in 1962 as a civic project of the Raeford Moose Lodge, under the leadership of Sam Motley, who was then Lodge Governor. The initial enrollment was 16 men and the members of the Raeford Moose Lodge.

Their first vehicle was an ambulance donated by the Lentz Funeral Home. The squad was also to operate as an auxiliary Civil Defense unit for the city and county as well as a rescue squad.

In 1965, the squad became an independent, non-profit organization.

The present 14 member squad has received training in a variety of rescue services. All members have had advanced first aid instruction and three members hold instructor's cards.

The board of directors this year include Bill Parker, commander; Billy Posey, executive vice-commander; Jim Wade, vice-commander; Hubert Davis, secretary and Hervey Jackson, treasurer.

Members are Eric Allen, Earl Conoly, Johnny Melton, Jimmy Riley, Billy Scott, John W. Smith, Neill Smith, Charles Tew and Wilfred Walters.

Water System Plans Ceremony

A ground-breaking ceremony for the Hillcrest - Scurlock Water System, Inc. will be held Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Hillcrest Fire Department on U.S. 401-A.

The community water system will bring modern water service to the homes of 135 families, four stores, two churches and the Scurlock Elementary School.

Completed, the system will include approximately 3.7 miles of water distribution line, two deep wells complete with pumping and chlorinating equipment and a 75,000 gallon elevated tank.

The installation of the system will be financed with a \$100,000 loan and a \$50,000 grant from the Farmer's Home Administration.

A. Smith McInnis is president of the system and Jimmy Morrissey is vice-president.

Water system members and the general public are invited to the ceremony.

Farm Editors Tour County

A group of editors from The Progressive Farmer toured several farms in the county yesterday.

The national magazine had featured the T.B. Upchurch coastal Bermuda farm several years ago when the grass crop was overplanted with wheat, farm agent Wendell Young said, and the editors wanted to observe the farm again this year to see the effects.

The tour was part of a quick visit through eastern North Carolina which included the Sandhills peach area, Richmond and Anson counties and the tobacco market in Aberdeen.

The group visited the Upchurch farm in the Timberland section about 11:30 and then lunched at The Little Whale Restaurant. From there, they toured the McNair research farm by bus and then went on to the Upchurch milling Company swine farm near Wagram.

The group ended their tour of the county at the John Balfour farm, where they observed his cotton operation, and then left for Columbus County.

Active Sentences Given In District Court Friday

Active jail sentences were given to six defendants tried in district court Friday.

A 16-year-old youth was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to misdemeanor breaking and entering. Grady White of Rt. 2, Raeford, was first charged with the more serious offense of felonious burglary but the state accepted a guilty plea to the lesser offense.

White was convicted of breaking into the home of Dollie Virgil.

John Hobson of Raeford was sentenced to a total of 18 months in prison on three charges. He was sentenced to six months each for two convictions of injury to personal property and a suspended sentence for larceny was activated for an additional six months.

Johnnie Lee Bell of St. Pauls was sentenced to 30 days in jail for driving without a license.

James Lee Locklear of Shannon was sentenced to 12 months in prison for DUI, second offense and driving while his license was revoked. The court recommended the work release program.

Luther Thomas of Hoke County pleaded guilty to larceny and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. Credit was given for the days already spent in jail awaiting trial.

Herbert Small of Rt. 3, Raeford pleaded guilty to DUI and was sentenced to six months in jail. There was no breathalyzer. He was sentenced to six months in jail, with the sentence to begin at the expiration of the first, for non-support and was given an additional six month sentence, to begin at the expiration of the second sentence, for abandonment and non-support.

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Prayer for judgment was continued for two weeks for James W. Caple of Wagram who pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of issuing a worthless check for \$350 to Alfred Bray.

Joseph Gardner Barbour of Southern Pines pleaded guilty to DUI and was sentenced to six months with capias and or commitment to issue at anytime during the next 18 months. He was ordered not to drive for the next 12 months except under the conditions of the limited driving privilege and was fined \$125 and costs. There was no breathalyzer.

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Prayer for judgment for Carolyn Petty of Raeford was continued for 3½ years and she was placed on probation for 3½ years after pleading guilty to VPL. She was charged court costs.

James Henegan of Raeford was found guilty of failing to comply with a support judgment and was ordered to pay \$50 before he was released from jail and pay another \$50 by Sept. 24.

Tommy Wall of Raeford was sentenced to four days in jail retroactive to the date of his

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be succeeding in the Southeast, according to the regional offices of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Internal Revenue Service.

"The fact that only 300 complaints of alleged violations have been made is an indication that very few violations are occurring," said William H. Hollaway, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness Region 4, Service and Compliance Center. He said acceptance of the President's Economic Stabilization Program by business, industry and the general public in the Southeastern states is outstanding.

F.W. Rogers, freeze coordinator of the IRS Regional Office, estimates complaints of alleged violations are proving to be invalid in that they are only misunderstandings of the law or regulations. In the other half, he said, violators are complying at IRS request or have already complied by the time IRS checks with them.

The IRS has 61 local offices designated as Local Service and Compliance Centers in the eight states of OEP Region 4, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida. In addition, inquires but not complaints may be made to 719 county offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, usually located at the county seats.

Rogers said that when the IRS receives complaints about alleged violations, and it is believed that follow-up is required,

the individual making the complaint to determine if a violation exists. If appropriate, IRS sends a representative to discuss the complaint with the alleged violator.

After the investigation, and after all reasonable efforts by IRS to obtain voluntary compliance are exhausted, the IRS will refer the investigation report to the OEP Regional Office for review and that office will again seek voluntary compliance.

If necessary, the OEP will recommend to the Cost of Living Council that the U.S. Department of Justice seek an injunction in the appropriate U.S. District Court against the alleged violator. If the violator refuses to obey the court order, he may be prosecuted for contempt of court.

"We are more interested in seeking voluntary cooperation by business and industry than in seeking to prosecute," Hollaway said, "and we are pleased that voluntary control appears to be succeeding."

Rogers said a bank which had raised rates on safety deposit boxes had already lowered them when IRS investigated the complaint. In another case, customers complained that a supermarket had increased prices on steak from \$1.29 to \$1.39 per pound. The market proved from records that the lower price represented a special sales price during the 30-day base period before the freeze.

In the most widely-publicized case of compliance, Georgia railroads withdrew a

6 percent intrastate freight rate increase at the request of Hollaway after a ruling by the Cost of Living Council. The Atlanta Freight Bureau had complained directly to President Nixon about the boost. The Georgia Public Service Commission on August 4 had approved the boost to become effective August 16, just a few hours after President Nixon announced the freeze. Hollaway congratulated the Southern Freight Bureau, which represents the railroads involved, on the agreement to comply with the intent of the President's Executive Order No. 11615. He also said it was good to hear that the railroads will make appropriate refunds where shippers have paid the higher rates on commodities moved since the freeze, August 15, 1971.

Effective freeze dates are 12:01 A.M., August 16, to midnight November 13. The nationwide taxpayer assistance system of the IRS is being used to administer the freeze program within each state while the Regional Offices of OEP are the coordinating arm of the program. The IRS reports to the 10 Regional Offices of the OEP when action beyond the state or local level is needed. Policies are set by the Cost of Living Council which was appointed by the President General George A. Lincoln, Director of Office of Emergency Preparedness and a member of the Cost of Living Council is responsible for administration of the freeze on wages, salaries, prices and rents.