

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

John Wilson of Charleston, S.C., who is visiting in Raeford for a few days, was by the office Monday. It was good to see John and talk about the old times.

In the obit for T.J. Britton last week we listed two brothers when it should have been three. The name of the other brother is Bill Britton of Fairfax, Ala. We regret the error.

The following fish tale is taken from a Virginia paper and was told by Willie E. Prince, a former resident of Raeford.

"For the past three weeks I have noticed the sea gulls gathering around a certain boat tied off Gwynnfield. Finally, one day last week I could not stand the suspense any longer, so I marched up to my neighbor and asked him what was going on. He said he would not tell me but if I would come by early the next Saturday morning with my fishing equipment he would let me see for myself.

"Well, needless to say, I could hardly wait for that great day to come in order to learn the secret of the gulls. Saturday morning I was up and waiting before dawn since I couldn't sleep anyway. Finally, around 6:00 A.M. the great fisherman staggered out half asleep. The gulls were everywhere. His morning greeting was, 'You ain't gonna believe what you see today!' Well, around 6:15 A.M. we were on our way down the river. The gulls which had gathered were now following us, and I noticed as we moved down river that the gulls were leaving their roosts and heading straight for the flock now overhead and following the boat. When we reached the power towers, he began to smile and said, 'Watch this.' He stopped the boat and just as suddenly the gulls started diving into the water. He laughed and started down the river, the gulls following. Two miles later he stopped again and the gulls repeated their act.

"By the time the gulls were worn out from the flight from Gwynnfield and along the way. We traveled on down river where we had a fair catch and returned home. The fisherman's final statement of the day was, 'You see that the Rappahannock gulls are now counting on me to show them where the fish are. If you hadn't seen this with your own eyes you wouldn't have believed it, would you?'"

We received the following letter from Mrs. Pat (Russell) Gaudet of Charlotte. Dear Mr. Morris:

"This morning I was writing a letter to my sister, Kathy Hendrix, in Raeford and I asked her to please call and ask you to send this week's 'News-Journal' to me. I have been living in Charlotte and subscribing to the Journal for fifteen years, and this is only the second time I've failed to receive it!

"As I was finishing the letter, the doorbell rang and a 'strange' man handed me the 'News-Journal' - seems it had been folded inside his and he was kind enough to drive several miles to deliver it.

"It turns out that only his face was strange to me; the name, Tom McLaughlin, I had heard all my life. His comment: 'You can skip the Observer for several days, but you have to read the Journal!'"

"We enjoyed the coincidence together; then after he left, I noticed another coincidence. I always read 'Browsing in the Files' first, and the first item was about an injury Tom McLaughlin sustained 25 Years Ago.

"Just thought you'd like to know how important the Journal is to us 'out-of-towners!'"

## Physician's Associate Joins Raeford Clinic

An honor graduate of the Duke University physician's associate program has joined Raeford Medical Clinic as the county's first physician's associate.

Earle Maloway began this week as assistant to Drs. Riley Jordan and Robert Townsend.

A native of New York City, Maloway graduated from the Duke program in

# Landfill, New Law, More Workers Will Combat Dumping In County

## City Seeks Airport Funds

The city government is still trying to raise \$20,000 to match federal and state funds to improve the municipal airport.

John Gaddy, city manager, said that letters have been sent to business and individuals who are prospective users of the airport, but that only about \$5,000 in pledges have been received so far.

The city has about \$14,000 to spend on the project he said.

Gaddy and Palmer Willcox, city attorney, spoke to the county board of commissioners at the September meeting and asked for a pledge during the next fiscal year from non-tax funds. The county has taken no action so far on the request.

Gaddy said the total cost to pave the runway and apron and install runway lighting and a beacon is \$123,395. Federal and state funds will pay for all but about \$20,000 he said, but the city must have that money pledged before the grant funds will be approved.

The city has another five months to raise the money.

## Blood Donors Needed Tues

Clyde Upchurch, Jr. has asked industries here and city and county residents to fill a quota for the Bloodmobile visit Tuesday from 12 to 5:30 at Raeford United Methodist Church.

"I've written to the industries assigning them a quota to meet," Upchurch, chairman of the blood drive, said. "I hope they will accept it."

About 20 donors are needed from the city and county other than industry workers, he said.

Upchurch said the county needs about 120 prospective donors that day in order to collect the county's allotted 100 pints.

Last year the blood drive consistently fell short of its goal and was required to hold a make-up visit in June to remain in the program.

Upchurch said that blood use by county residents had been relatively heavy for this time of year.

## Health Board Appoints Mrs. Nichols

The Hoke County board of health last week appointed Mrs. Eve Nichols to serve as acting health administrator of the health center.

Mrs. Nichols has served at the center as nursing supervisor for the past nine months.

D.D. Abernethy, chairman of the board of health, said that Mrs. Nichols would be in complete charge of the health center except for matters that under law must be decided by the board of health. Everyone at the health department, he said, is under her jurisdiction.

The health center has been without an administrator for several years.



**GROUNDBREAKING** - Officials and guests man shovels at groundbreaking ceremonies held Monday by the Hillcrest-Scurlock Community Water System, Inc. From left are Smith McInnis, water system president; E.E. Smith, clerk of court; T.C. Jones, chairman, county commissioners; M.R. Mills, county sanitarian; Jimmy Morrissy, system vice-president (with shovel); Bobby Conoly, system director; James T. Johnson, state FHA director (with shovel); Palmer Willcox, city attorney; C.D. Bounds, president of Chamber of Commerce; D.B. McFadyen, water system director; Tommy Macko, water system director; Jake Vinson, county FHA supervisor; the Rev. Milton Williams, system member.

## Water System Officials Have Groundbreaking

Officials of the Hillcrest - Scurlock community water system were hosts Monday at a groundbreaking ceremony to begin construction of the system that will serve 135 families in the area.

James T. Johnson, state director of Farmers Home Administration, was guest speaker at the ceremony.

Calling the availability of water the life blood of any community, Johnson said "a community water supply is something

a community can grow around."

With the overcrowding of the cities, it is necessary to make rural life comparable to urban life, with comfortable homes and good jobs, he said.

"What you have done here, to build a water system, is a step toward making rural life more comfortable, to stop the out-migration to our overcrowded cities," Johnson said.

Radford Allen, district FHA

supervisor, also commended the community water system as a step to curb migration to the cities.

The system is being built with a \$100,000 loan and \$50,000 grant from FHA.

Smith McInnis, president of the system, introduced the board of directors: Jimmy Morrissy, vice-president; D.B. McFadyen, Bobby Conoly, Tommy Macko, John Baker, Cleo Bratcher and Robert Henry Hall.

Guests at the ceremony included representatives from city and county governments, the schools, extension agents and contractors building the system.

Harold Gillis, director of the Hoke - Raeford Chamber of Commerce, commended the directors for their progress. The Rev. Milton Williams, gave an invocation before the ceremony.

The Hillcrest - Scurlock system is the third community water system to be built in the county. The Northwest Water System in North Raeford was the first community water system to begin operation and Rockfish community system began earlier this year.

When complete the Hillcrest - Scurlock system will have 3.7 miles of line, two deep wells with pumping and chlorinating equipment and a 75,000 gallon elevated tank.

Besides the families in the community, the system will serve four stores, two churches and Scurlock Elementary School.

## Farmers Warned: Watch Tobacco

Farmers should keep a close watch on tobacco packhouses, Sheriff D.M. Barrington warned this week.

Tobacco has been stolen from three packhouses in the county in recent weeks.

The latest theft was reported Friday morning at the Blue farm at Rt. 1, Aberdeen. A total of 18 sheets, or about 200 pounds, of tobacco were reported missing, the sheriff said. The tobacco was valued at \$1,500.

Sheets of tobacco have also been taken

from packhouses owned by Cecil McPhaul and Tommy Upchurch, Sheriff Barrington said.

A close check on tobacco movement is being kept by the sheriff's department, he said, and all vehicles moving tobacco after midnight are being stopped and checked.

Another breakin reported during the week in the county occurred Wednesday night at the Guy Bullock service station on U.S. 401 south of Raeford.

Merchandise reported missing included cigarettes, candy, ice cream and meat.

## Worker Hurt In Plant

Mrs. Vennie B. Miller, of 113 Magnolia Street, was injured last Friday in an accident at Burlington Dye Plant.

While operating a pin drafting machine, she got her hand under a guard on the machine and nine pins, or follow bars, pierced her hand, according to Graham Pope, Burlington official.

The machine was dismantled and she was taken to Cape Fear Valley hospital by the Hoke County Rescue Squad with a Highway Patrol escort, where the pins were removed by a physician.

Mrs. Miller was admitted to the hospital for treatment and observation. Pope said he understood that she was not seriously injured and that there was no permanent damage to her hand.

## Local Actors In Bragg Play

Mrs. Florence Cohen, teacher at Hoke High School, and Jim Taylor, assistant public defender for Hoke and Cumberland counties, are performing in the Bragg Playhouse production of "Bell, Book and Candle."

The play opened last week and will continue Sept. 21-23 and Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2.

Mrs. Cohen, who teaches reading at the high school, has been active in community theatre for many years. She has appeared in the Bragg Playhouse productions of "Carrousel", "The Birds" and "Rain."

While this is Taylor's first appearance in community theatre in this area, he is experienced in both professional and community productions.

## Man Robbed During Ride

Six young men have been charged with highway robbery during the weekend, the sheriff's office reported.

Arrested and charged are Alton Bullard, 17, and James Bullard, 20, of Robeson County and Therman Scott, 25; Lee S. Chavis, 18; Curley Chavis, 19; and Ronnie Jacobs, 16, all of Hoke County.

According to Deputy Harvey Young, they are accused of robbing James William Jacobs of Shannon, late Saturday night during an auto ride in the county.

Young said about \$40 and clothes were reported stolen.

## Sgt. Maj. Willis Gets Top Enlisted Position

Sgt. Maj. Clarence M. Willis of Raeford's National Guard unit has been selected by the Department of the Army as one of two North Carolina National Guardsmen to receive the highest enlisted position available to enlisted men of the Army's reserve components.

Sgt. Maj. Willis, a World War II veteran, was selected to receive the Command Sergeant Major title and authorized to wear the distinctive stripes of his position, Lt. Col. Charles E. Lewis, Jr., commanding officer of the 2d Battalion, 252d Armor, announced today.

A Command Sergeants Major Program within the Army Reserve Components was authorized two years ago by the Chief of Staff of the Army. Twelve Tar Heel Guard NCO's were selected as Command Sergeants Major by the Department of the Army in 1969, and six were selected last year.

Command Sergeant Major Willis will serve as the principle enlisted assistant to Lt. Col. Lewis.

CMS Willis' main responsibilities will be to advise the commander and his staff on matters pertinent to troop welfare and

An attack on the problem of dumping trash and garbage in the county will be begun in the next few weeks.

"We're going to get started cleaning up the woods and roadsides all over this county," M.R. Mills, county sanitarian, said Tuesday.

Several recent developments will contribute to solving the dumping problem.

The first is the city - county landfill, which will be in operation by the first of October, officials hope. A road to the fill, built by the state highway commission, was begun two weeks ago and is nearly complete.

John Gaddy, city manager, said that there is still some more work to be done at the site but that it should be ready to open by Oct. 1.

"I hope we'll at least have it ready enough by then so that people can bring their trash out and dump it," he said.

Gaddy said there is still some grading to be done and a gate will be installed. A consultant from the state board of health will inspect the site and lay out the dumping pattern.

Gaddy, Mills and T.B. Lester, county manager, inspected the landfill site Tuesday afternoon.

Still to be worked out are policies on operation and fees to be charged non-residential users.

Landfill use will be free to city and county residential users, Gaddy and Lester said. The city will operate the landfill and the present city landfill will be closed.

Some kind of container collection system for the county is being planned.

Another development that will help curb dumping is the addition of at least one sanitarian's aide at the health center. One man and perhaps two will be hired in the next few weeks under the federal public service employment program.

Mills said the aide would help in the landfill operation and would also help him work with residents to get the unauthorized dumps in the woods cleaned up.

A new state law, providing penalties up to \$50 fine and 30 days in jail, was passed last spring giving the state board of health the power to regulate solid waste disposal. While there are also county ordinances against dumping, Mills said the state law was more comprehensive.

With the landfill open, Mills said the laws governing solid waste disposal would be enforced.

Basically the law sets standards for sanitary landfills and provides for all landfill and incinerator operations to be approved by the state board of health.

Solid waste may only be disposed of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration or other means specifically approved by the board of health, under the new law. While disposal sites used by one family on their own property do not have to be approved, the law does state that they "must be maintained in a nuisance-free and aesthetic manner consistent with the intent of these standards." Incinerators must meet air pollution standards of the Department of Water and Air Resources.

In addition to governmental activity, several private groups in the county are also interested in helping.

The Raeford Woman's Club has made some study of the problem and representatives have talked to Mills.

An ecology group has been organized recently among the Raeford Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches. Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Jr. said that while plans were at this point tentative, the

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morale in terms of assignment, reassignment, utilization, promotion, privileges, discipline, training, operations and logistics. He will accompany the battalion commander on inspections and visits, and at ceremonies, and will assist in inspection of command activities, facilities and personnel.

Other duties will be to provide counsel (See WILLIS, Pg. 11)



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