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Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

We fouled up on the number of chiefs of the Raeford Fire Department and will try to have the correct names by next week. Also a letter concerning the fire department from Leo Fuller will be published in this column next week.

We received the following letter from George Weaver last week. George is a native of Raeford and is now editor of The Stanly News and Press in Albemarle. The letter follows:

Dear Sam:

I am enclosing a little story about Mrs. Frank Milstead, formerly Miss Nan Rutland, concerning whom Robert Currie talked with you a couple of weeks ago. He left pictures with you, I believe.

Robert and I will appreciate it if you see fit to run the little story, and I'm sure Mrs. Milstead would also appreciate being remembered.

If you're ever in Albemarle, drop by to see me.

Thanks for your consideration.

Cordially,

George B. Weaver

This is the article written by George B. Weaver.

Most teachers are remembered only slightly as the years pass.

A few teachers make an impression on their pupils which lingers pleasantly through the years.

Of the teachers in the Raeford School some 45 years ago, Miss Nan Rutland stands out as one of those who made a tremendous impression on the pupils in their classrooms.



Miss Nan Rutland

The dark-eyed blonde taught the seventh grade for three years, from the fall of 1923 to the spring of 1926. She then moved to Hamlet to teach, and Raeford's loss was undoubtedly Hamlet's gain.

Before proceeding further, let it be said that Miss Rutland is today Mrs. Frank B. Milstead of Pensacola, Fla., a delightful person, older in years but not in spirit, than she was when a teacher in Raeford. Her figure is still trim and erect although her hair is no longer dark brown.



Mrs. Frank B. Milstead

The writer was a member of her second class at Raeford, the one which marched down the aisle in a seventh grade graduation singing, "The Class of 25 are we... tra-la-la... etc. to the tune of 'Welcome, Sweet Springtime.' In that class were John Dunk McNeill, Robert McDonald, T. B. Lester, Jr., Lula Hall, Thelma McKeithan, Chalmers Currie, Nathaniel Henderson, Margaret Walters, Hallie Freeman, Ina Wilson, Elizabeth Cromartie, and others it would take time to recall.

It was that class which heard a commencement address by Dr. Watson M. Fairley, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held up a jar almost filled with beans of various sizes and shapes, and shook the jar. The bigger beans came to the top; showing the big beans on top, he said. "Now, boys and girls, I want all of you to be big beans."

Miss Rutland came to Raeford after teaching two years in her home town of Newnan, Ga. She graduated from Newnan High School in 1917, and completed college four years later. After teaching at Hamlet, she was married to Mr. Milstead. (See AROUND TOWN, Pg. 7, Sec. I)

City To Get \$20,571.23**Street Funds**

Raeftord will receive \$20,571.23 in Powell Bill funds this year from the state.

A total of \$12.5 million is being sent to 428 North Carolina cities and towns this week under provisions of the bill, which allocates gasoline tax funds to municipalities each year.

This year's payment is a record, exceeding last year's allocation, the highest up to then, of \$11.9 million.

This payment is for the fiscal year 1970-71, and will double next year since an act of the legislature raised the Powell Bill source from one-half cent per gallon of the gas tax to a full cent.

Payments are currently made on a basis of 50 per cent, based on municipality's population, and 50 per cent on its street mileage that is not a part of the State Highway system, but next year it will be weighted 75 per cent on population and 25 per cent on mileage.

This year's largest check, as usual, went to Charlotte, the state's largest city, which is getting \$1,155,408.

Other large checks went to Greensboro, \$769,379; Winston-Salem, \$679,687; Raleigh, \$603,082; Durham, \$461,414; Asheville, \$369,802; High Point, \$339,179; and Fayetteville, \$285,426.

Smallest check went to Falkland in Pitt County, which has only one-half mile of non-state streets and 130 residents. It was for \$403.65.

Judge Warns Mini-bikers

Judge Joseph Dupree issued a warning in district court Friday to parents whose children own mini-bikes.

"I have personally seen youngsters operating mini-bikes along the shoulder of the highway and darting across the road on them," he said.

"These kids are likely to find themselves in juvenile court and the parents are going to find themselves in district court for contributing to the delinquency of a minor."

"I want to warn parents that some of their children are violating laws with these mini-bikes and to check and make sure that their youngsters understand the laws and the importance of obeying the motor vehicle laws."

Judge Dupree made the announcement concerning mini-bikes as he was passing judgment on a case in which it was ruled that a golf cart which crosses a road must be registered and inspected as a motor vehicle.

Lee Paving Gets Contract

Lee Paving Company of Sanford was awarded a \$276,907.50 contract to resurface 44.59 miles of roads in Hoke and Moore counties at the regular monthly letting last week of the State Highway Commission.

Scheduled for resurfacing are seven sections of primary roads and 23 sections of secondary roads.

Completion date is July 1, 1972.

State Takes Nol Pros In House Shoot Up

Charges of firing into an occupied building filed against three Hoke County men were not pressed with leave in district court Friday at the request of the sheriff.

J.D. Morrissey, Jr., of Rt. 1,

Four Hurt In Wreck

The driver and three passengers were injured Saturday night when their car hit a pillar of the underpass on N.C. 211 West.

Willie Marvin McColl, 24, of Washington, D.C. was driving toward 211 West when he failed to make a curve and ran off the road to the right, striking the pillar, according to the wreck report filed by city police officers who investigated the accident.

McColl, injured the most severely, received facial injuries. Other passengers in the car who were injured were James Hubert Love, Margaret Smith, both of Rt. 1, Raeftord and Gwendolyn V. Nettles of Raeftord. They were all taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

McColl was charged with failure to decrease speed in time to avoid an accident. Damage to the car was estimated at \$900.

NOTICE

Larry Ray, who lives on the Turnpike Road and drives a 1966 Blue Chevelle, would like for the public to know that it was another Larry Ray that was involved in the shooting incident that appeared in last week's paper.

(See AROUND TOWN, Pg. 7, Sec. I)

Commissioners Pledge \$10,000 For City Airport Improvements

FIREMAN HONORED - County volunteer firemen were honored at a dinner Tuesday night. Shown here are (from left) Ed McNeill, president of the Hoke County Firemen's Association; T.C. Jones, chairman of the county commission; Chief Thurman Bishop, fire chief of Fayetteville; and C.D. Bounds, Jr., president of Raeftord-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

Firemen Honored At Annual Dinner

Volunteer firemen in the county were honored Tuesday night at a dinner co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Firemen's Association and underwritten by the financial institutions and insurance firms.

Thurman Bishop, chief of the Fayetteville fire department, was guest speaker.

The great Chicago fire, which happened a century ago, almost destroyed the city but, as it is memorialized in Fire Prevention Week, perhaps has done some good, he told the firemen and guests.

But the situation is far from improving, he said, because 12,200 persons died from fire in 1970. This is an average of 33 lives lost each day.

Children and the elderly are the most frequent victims of fire, Chief Bishop said. Property losses amounted to over \$2 billion and continue to rise.

Lack of public concern is largely responsible for carelessness in preventing fires, Bishop said.

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GOP Hosts Speaker

EDWIN T. SEXTON, JR. special consultant on minority groups for the Republican National Committee, will speak at the Hoke County courthouse tonight at 7:30.

He is sponsored by the Hoke County Republican party.

Sexton, from Wichita, Kan., is an assistant public relations director for the Wichita News Hawk and vice president of a cleaning and tailoring firm.

Long active in civic and political affairs, he has been honored for outstanding community service by the governors of Kentucky, Nebraska, Colorado and Arkansas.

Mrs. Edith Nixon, chairman of the Hoke County GOP, said that Sexton will discuss ways to interest black people in the Republican party.

BAKE SALE

A bake sale sponsored by the Hoke chapter of the National Honor Society will be held Oct. 16 on Main Street in front of Niven's Appliance Store.

The Honor Society members are raising money for the convention in April of which they will be host.

McLeod Appointed To City Council

James B. McLeod was appointed to the city council Monday night to fill the vacancy left by the death of longtime councilman J.D. McMillian in August.

McLeod was sworn into office by clerk of court E.E. Smith before the meeting at city hall. He was also appointed to the Airport Authority to fill McMillian's unexpired term.

Franklin Teal, Jr., was appointed mayor pro tem by Raeftord mayor John K. McNeill. McMillian was pro tem for many years.

After the appointments were completed, the council heard John Nicholson, who asked that the city either abandon Central Avenue from the railroad to Magnolia Street or pave it. The

council agreed to consider the avenue for improvement, on the same basis as other unpaved roads are considered, city manager John Gaddy reported.

The council also discussed the proposed closing during school hours of Bethel Road but no action was taken.

The county commissioners pledged \$10,000 for the next fiscal year for improvements at the Raeftord Municipal Airport.

The motion was made Monday morning at the regular commissioner's meeting by John Balfour and seconded by Ralph Barnhart. The commission board had been asked by city manager John Gaddy and city attorney Palmer Wilcox at the September meeting to consider contributing to the improvements.

Paving and lighting at the airport will cost a total of \$123,000. With federal and state grants, city and county funds and pledges so far, the city still needs \$15,000 for the project.

The county contributed \$5,000 to help purchase the airport several years ago.

In other business, the board authorized the county to call for bids for 200 new chairs for the county courtroom and bids for commercial grade carpet.

The courtroom improvements are estimated to cost about \$11,000. The commissioners Monday selected a spice brown chair and a brown and gold tone carpet.

They also authorized additional repairs at the Health Center, including painting the old part, shelving, a metal cabinet, 15 chairs, a bulletin board and divider curtains and rods.

Gaddy met with the board to discuss the city-county landfill. Operation is expected to begin as soon as a few maps and papers are submitted to the state board of health, Gaddy said. He told the commissioners he was meeting with the state health board consultant later Monday to inspect the landfill site and map out beginning excavation.

T.B. Lester, county manager, announced to the board that word was received last Friday that only one sanitary site would be approved to the county under the Emergency Employment Act funds.

The board also approved payment of accrued leave to Mrs. Lenore Evers, who has left county employment.

Miss Brenda Abrams, assistant home agent and Wendell Young farm agent, gave their monthly report to the board. There was only a moderate small amount of damage due to the rain that accompanied Hurricane Ginger. Young told the commissioners some cotton was (See PLEDGE, Pg. 7, Sec. I)

Don't Forget Fire Parade

County volunteer fire departments will demonstrate fire fighting skills Saturday at 1 p.m. when they set an abandoned house on North Main Street on fire for training purposes.

A parade down Main Street will begin at 3, with units from the surrounding areas participating.

After that, an old car and a gas cylinder will be set on fire and extinguished in the park behind McLaughlin School.

Methodists Plan Revival

Rev. James H. Bailey

The Rev. James H. Bailey of Lumberton will be the guest minister at revival services scheduled for Raeftord