

## Around Town

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No mail this week about the fire chiefs so we must have finally named all the former heads of the fire department.

The death of Israel Mann takes from this community one of its best boosters. Israel would tell anyone, anywhere that Raeford and Hoke County was the garden spot of the world. He was the number one ambassador for this state.

He would talk with you for hours about this great county. Israel would try to get across to you that we didn't realize what "freedom" really meant. He was born in Russia and left there during the revolution coming to Raeford about 1924. He opened a clothing store and was very active in all affairs of the community. He retired several years ago. The slogan for his store was "Where Price and Quality Meets."

This community will miss Israel Mann and will miss the guiding example of a man dedicated to his new found country.

The class of 1951 of Hoke County High School will hold a reunion this weekend and the affair starts with a buffet dinner Friday night at 6:00 at the high school cafeteria. After the dinner the group will go to the Homecoming game at the stadium between Dunn and Hoke High. On Saturday night the class will have a steak dinner in Fayetteville.

The members of the class that worked to get this reunion to be a success are Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Ellis, Sheriff Dave Barrington and Franklin Teal. We hope that most of this class can attend this affair.

We still have about two weeks more of daylight saving time. We don't mind getting up in the dark, but coming to work in the dark doesn't seem to fit our way of life. So we will be glad when October 31 arrives. This is the day the clock is moved back.

The weather has finally started to give us the fall season. We believe that before another paper that we will have frost. The leaves are still green, but as we read somewhere, they will turn any way without the frost. Maybe they will but we still would like to see a good frost before November.

Troop 403 of the Boy Scouts sponsored by the Raeford Lions Club is in dire need of a scoutmaster. It seems that they can get assistant scoutmasters but when it comes to the top dog no one seems interested. We are certain that someone in Hoke County could help out this troop and would get enjoyment out of the experience.

So, ex-scouters do your good deed for the day by contacting either Dale Ormsby or Clarence Willis of the local Lions Club.

## Fund Budget Meeting Set

The budget committee of the United Fund will meet Oct. 28 at 7:45 p.m. at the Board of Education building.

Any organization interested in having funds raised through the United Fund should have a representative there to present a budget.

## Clothes Stolen From Welfare

The county office building was broken into Monday night and used clothes and toys were stolen.

A side door to the basement was entered sometime during the night, the city police reported. The break-in was discovered Tuesday morning.

Some of the clothes and toys stored by the Department of Social Services for distribution to needy families was reported stolen.

## Israel Mann Is Buried Sunday In Fayetteville



ISRAEL MANN

## Credit Union Is Chartered

A credit union for county residents was incorporated Tuesday by a group of county business and community leaders.

Corporation documents for the United and Independent Credit Union of Hoke County were filed in the Register of Deeds office by officers of the organization and a representative of the State Administrator of Credit Unions.

Officers are Thomas Walker, president; James Dixon, vice-president; Carl Duncan, secretary and W. T. McAllister, Sr., treasurer.

Other charter members of the organization are: Jimmy Morrissey, Ivery McNair, Cleo Bratcher, Jr., Jesse Bratcher, Robert Doby, J.D. McAllister, the Rev. Milton Williams and Ben Davis.

The credit union, the first community co-operative bank to be chartered by the state in ten years, is limited to residents of Hoke County and is not restricted by race, Walker said.

Shares will go on sale for \$5 with the initial share costing \$5.25. Temporary offices will be at Ivery McNair's Cleaners on 110 Racket Alley.

The credit union will take savings of the members either in payment for shares or on deposit and will loan money to members. Credit union lending rates are traditionally low.

The members began more than a year ago to organize the credit union here, Walker said, but the application was delayed during the reorganization of state government. The credit union division is an agency of the state Department of Agriculture and has been authorized in the state since 1915.

## Clothes Taken From Stores

Thefts were reported to city police at two downtown stores this past week.

Joe Sugar's of Raeford was robbed for the fourth time by thieves who entered from a hole in the roof.

The robbery, which occurred sometime during the night of Oct. 13, was reported to city police last Thursday morning.

According to police officer J. C. Barrington, who investigated the break-in, the store was entered through the roof, as it has been on the other three breaks.

About \$650 in clothes was reported stolen.

A glass pane in the back door at Theresa's Dress Shop was broken during the weekend and three storage bags of summer clothes were stolen.

The robbery was reported to city police Monday morning, Chief James Lamont said.

An attempted break-in was reported Sunday night at the storage house at Family Restaurant on Harris Avenue. No merchandise was stolen.

## Nomination For ASC Committee Invited

Hoke County farmers are sending in their nomination petition for candidates for ASC community committeemen, says Ken W. McNeill, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

This year the election of ASC committeemen will be held Dec. 1. All petitions to nominate candidates must be filed at the County ASCS Office by close of business Oct. 27.

A recent change in election procedures permits petitions to be filed when signed by only 3 qualified farm voters, instead of 6 as required last year. Also, the petition, or an accompanying signed piece of paper, must contain a statement that

the candidate is willing to serve if elected. Petitions are still limited to one nominee each, but farmers may sign as many petitions as they wish.

If a community doesn't nominate a full slate of 6 candidates, the community committee will add the number of names required to fill out the slate. In Hoke County there are a number of MINORITY GROUP farmers, if their community committees have to complete the slate of 6 candidates, the committees must make sure that the minority group is represented.

"We're hoping to have the full support of the farm community this year in nominating, voting for, and willingness to run as committeemen candidates," McNeill said.

Each ASC community will elect 3 regular community committeemen and 2 alternates to represent the community. Three committeemen from each community will serve as delegates to the county convention, where farmers will be elected to fill vacancies and name officers for the County ASC committee.

The County Committee locally administers farm action programs. Community committees help keep farmers in their districts informed of changes in program provisions and other farm program news.

"Together, the community and county committees serve as representatives of farmers and as spokesmen for the Department of Agriculture in Washington, for such farm programs as REAP, TOBACCO, FEED GRAIN, WHEAT AND COTTON PROGRAMS," McNeill said.

Male and female farm owners, tenants, and sharecroppers, of legal voting age, are eligible to participate in ASCS programs and take part in ASC committeemen elections regardless of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

Other details on voting and committeemen requirements are available at the County ASCS Office, located in the Post Office Building. The telephone number is 875-3857.

## Survey Shows

# City-County Lags In Funds For Hoke Recreation Program



UPCHURCH LANDSCAPING - Members of an engineer battalion from Ft. Bragg pause to get directions from W.K. Morgan, assistant principal at Upchurch School. The playground has been graded and gullies have been filled in to provide space for another basketball court, other play areas and a picnic area for community use, through an Army-aided program to help increase recreation facilities in that area. Shown here are (from left) PFC Joseph Deering, SPS Ray Morrisette, PFC Thomas L. Jones, 1LT. Charles K. Morrison, SPS Bruce Keener, SPS William Gogson, dozer operator, Morgan, and PFC Fred Clinton. They are members of HHC, 307th Engr. Bn., 82d Airborne Division.

## Homecoming Parade Tomorrow At 4:30

Hoke High will celebrate Homecoming tomorrow with a parade downtown and the crowning of Homecoming Queen at halftime ceremonies at the Hoke - Dunn football game.

The parade will begin at 4:30 Friday afternoon at Raeford Elementary School. The 18 units, including the class floats, queen finalists, the members of the queens court and the band and cheerleaders will come down Main Street led by the chief of police, James Lamont, and Raeford mayor, John K. McNeill.

## Four Charged In Breakin

Four men were arrested over the weekend in connection with a break-in and larceny at Curtis McNeill's grocery last Saturday night. Sheriff D.M. Barrington reported.

Freddie McLaughlin, John Morrison, John Monroe and Robert Monroe, all of Rt. 1, Raeford, have been charged with breaking, entering and larceny. Bond was set for each at \$300 pending a district court hearing Oct. 29.

Beer, cigarettes and food was reported taken during the break-in.

Deputies Harvey Young, Robert Lucklear and Robert Graham investigated the theft.

Two other break-ins in the county were reported over the weekend in which no arrests have been made.

The garage and store owned by Harvey Stocks on N.C. 211 W was broken into sometime Saturday night. Ten boxes of cigars, six packages of link sausage and other food was reported stolen.

The service station owned by Stanley Adcox in Dundarrach was discovered opened by deputies patrolling the area early Sunday morning.

Two pillowcases filled with goods from the store were found in the area.

## Bake Sale Set Oct. 30

The Chaminade Club will hold a bake sale on Oct. 30 on Main Street in front of Hoke Drug Company.

The sale begins at 9 a.m.

## Minor Wreck

A minor wreck at the intersection of Wright St. and Edinborough Ave. was investigated Saturday afternoon by city police.

William J. Bryant of Raeford, traveling south on Wright Street, stopped at the stop sign at the corner, according to the police wreck report, and then continued across the intersection. His car struck another auto driven by Billy Howard Barefoot, who was going east on Edinborough.

Estimated damage to the front of the Bryant car was \$75 and damage to the side of the Barefoot car was estimated at \$300.

The accident was investigated by G.G. Faircloth, city police officer. No charges were filed.

## State Pays Over Million \$ To Hoke Schools Last Year

Hoke County schools received \$1,915,252.82 last year from the state nine months school fund.

This figure is based on an audit of the fund by the State Board of Education and was released last week by the office of public information.

The nine months school fund includes the bulk of the state money allocated for public education. No local supplements are included in this figure.

Most of the state money in the fund is earmarked to pay teachers, principals, supervisors and school superintendents.

The average classroom teacher in the state last year earned \$7,612 or \$589 more than the year before. This does not include local supplements. By comparison, the average teacher pay five years ago was \$5,112 and in 1961 it was \$3,811.

The average salary in 1970-71 for supervisors in North Carolina schools was \$10,116 and the average for school principals was \$11,569. Superintendents had an average salary of \$15,836. These figures do not include local supplements.

Last year, the state paid the county \$28,759.75 for general control, which

## Cars Crash By Road Work

Two cars collided early Monday morning at the site of construction work on East Prospect Extension, just outside the city limits.

According to Highway Patrol Trooper K.W. Weston, investigating officer, Benjamin McPhatter of Rt. 2, Raeford was stopped in his lane at the end of the construction area and a car driven by William McLaurin, Jr., of Rt. 1, Raeford came across the center line crossing the construction area and struck the McPhatter car.

Damage was estimated at \$275 to each vehicle. McLaurin was charged with driving under the influence.

The county has no sizable tax base to support a recreation program, the Raeford - Hoke Recreation Commission was told Monday afternoon at a meeting.

Three members of the 95th Civil Affairs Company at Ft. Bragg, who have been helping the commission with a study of the recreation needs in the county, showed a chart that compared the expenditure for recreation in Hoke County with other areas in the state.

Granite Falls, with a population of 2,361 budgets \$2.19 per person for recreation, according to figures supplied by the state. Raleigh spends \$11.95 per person for recreation; Clinton spends \$5.09 per person and Laurinburg spends \$7.78 per person.

In contrast, the study showed that last year Raeford budgeted \$1.19 per person for recreation and Hoke County budgeted \$5.56.

The state recommends \$3 per person for a recreation program.

Meeting with the recreation commission Monday were SP4 Ralph Higgins, CPT John Berndt and CPT Malcolm Floyd, of Ft. Bragg, CPT Gwinn, who has been helping develop a community recreation program for the Upchurch area, also attended the meeting. J. Benton McLeod, chairman, D.D. Abernethy, George Wood and W.K. Morgan attended from the recreation commission. C.D. Bounds and Harold Gillis attended from the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

Last summer, the recreation program operated on \$1,000 from the United Fund, \$1,500 from the city and \$2,500 from the county. There is no money available to begin operation next summer, however, new city and council budgets begin on July 1.

The commission also approved a questionnaire developed by the civil affairs company and approved its distribution in the county. The recreation survey will be compiled at Ft. Bragg to give an idea on th interest and attitudes toward recreation in the county.

The commission also approved a site survey by Army personnel of probable locations for recreation facilities in the county.

The commission agreed to meet in about three weeks, after the survey has been compiled, with state recreation specialist Kenneth Free of the State Commission of Natural Resources and Development, who will help explore means of seeking state and federal funds.

## City Closes Bethel Road

The city council voted Monday to close Bethel Road by the high school during school hours for the remainder of the school year.

The road was released from the state system and was taken over by the city Oct. 7.

Raz Autry, principal at Hoke High, has requested for several years that the road be closed during school hours and earlier this year, Autry closed the road himself.

Fast traffic on the road that runs between the two high school buildings endangers students changing classes, Autry contends.

The road closing was approved unanimously by the mayor and four members of the council present at the meeting. J. Benton McLeod, newly appointed to the council, was attending a meeting of the recreation commission, of which he is chairman.