

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

J. W. Turlington, principal at Raeford Elementary School, was by the office Tuesday and said that Open House would be held at the school tonight, Thursday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. He stated that the inside of the school has been recently painted and he would like for everyone to come by and see the fine job.

So take a few minutes Thursday night and visit the school.

The Budget and Admission Committee of the Hoke County United Fund will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Board of Education office at 7:45 o'clock. The committee requests that everyone have the financial figures ready when they appear at the meeting.

A chairman will be named soon and the Board of Directors would like for anyone that is willing to help in the drive to turn in their name at the News-Journal office or call 875-2121. The more help we have, the faster we can do the job.

The following letter was received Tuesday from Raz Autry:

Dear Sam:
Since last night was our last home varsity game I would like to express my deep appreciation to all of the people of Hoke County for their great support of our athletic programs. My deepest appreciation to the police, the rescue squad, the sheriff's department, the radio station, The Booster Club, and The News Journal. All of these people protected us, and gave us a real warm feeling in knowing that we had friends.

No one hated to lose to Dunn any worse than I, because it was the place I grew up. I was going to say hometown, but Raeford has become a hometown to me, but our football team, and our people took it like champions. We didn't challenge anyone to a fight, or bemoan our loss. We just are more determined than ever to do better. This is especially satisfying to me since we have so much trouble around us. It takes a true champion in a football team, and a people to lose. We haven't had one incident this year involving another team at home. This speaks for itself.

If my stay in Raeford ends this year, or in ten years, I will forever be grateful and thankful for having known the people of Hoke County, and the young people that have been under my direction.

Sincerely,
Raz Autry

The Class of 1951 Reunion was very successful from all reports; one member of the class said that every member of the class had been contacted several weeks ago except one. No one could find out where she lived. But last Thursday she called from Sanford and said that she had read about the forthcoming reunion in the News-Journal and would be down and attend. We are glad that this column was able to reach the last class member.

This we take from Pete Ivey's column in the Chapel Hill weekly:
Gentleman (at the door): Is May in?
Maid (haughtily): May who?
Gentleman (peevish): Mayonnaise!
Maid (shutting the door): Mayonnaise is dressing!

Kids Collect For UNICEF

The Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist youth will collect for UNICEF this Sunday.

UNICEF is the United Nation's Children's Fund. It is established to help the more than one billion children all over the world who are suffering from disease, hunger, poverty and lack of education.

System Costs Less Too

Public Defenders Bridge Gap Between Having Money And Not

Bridging the gap of justice between having money and not having any is the job of the three public defenders assigned to Hoke and Cumberland counties.

Hoke, with Cumberland County, makes up the 12th Judicial District, one of two districts in the state for which the public defender system was approved. Public defenders were also approved by the legislature for the 18th district, which includes Greensboro.

The system began here on Jan. 1, 1970 and during that year 1051 persons accused of a serious crime were represented in Hoke and Cumberland counties. About 125 of these cases were heard in Hoke courts.

provide competent legal aid to those accused of serious offenses who cannot afford to pay for representation.

"If you are accused of a crime, it makes a difference whether you have

More Breakins At Downtown Stores Six Businesses Robbed This Week

Industry Recognized

Industry Appreciation Week is being observed in North Carolina this week.

Gov. Bob Scott issued a proclamation for the state saying: "The industrial citizens of North Carolina have worked with other members of the North Carolina family in building a strong and stable economy."

"The industrial citizens of North Carolina have North Carolinians as their managers and their employers and share with us as a people the hope for a greater North Carolina of the future."

Members of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce expressed appreciation to industries in the city and county this week in a page advertisement of this issue.

Fire Damages Home Monday

A fire which apparently began in a bedroom left extensive damage to the inside of a home on East Donaldson Monday morning.

Raeford fire chief Crawford Thomas, Jr., estimated the damage to the white shingle house at \$6,000. The one room was completely burned and smoke damaged the remainder of the house, he said.

The home, owned by Hugh Lowe, is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Smith. Thomas said the fire appeared to have begun from the iron, which was connected in the middle bedroom. The Smith's high school aged son told Thomas he returned from school early that morning to get a tie and there was no sign of anything wrong then. Mrs. Smith returned to the house soon after and found it filled with smoke.

Firemen from the Raeford city department extinguished the fire.

HEW Denies \$91,068 To Hoke County Schools

Hoke County school's application for \$91,068 in federal emergency desegregation funds has been denied, school officials were notified Friday.

D.D. Abernethy, county school superintendent, was notified by mailgram Friday and by letter Tuesday that the county's application was being rejected because of the low rating of the school district compared to other districts and because funds under the Emergency School Assistance Program were limited.

Abernethy went to Raleigh Wednesday to talk to state officials to begin an appeal of the decision.

Farm Bureau Hears Graham At Annual Meeting Monday

More than 119,000 horses were vaccinated in the state during the recent USDA sponsored fight against the horse disease VEE, North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham told the members of the Hoke County Farm Bureau at the annual meeting Monday night.

Graham was the featured speaker at the dinner meeting held at the Hoke High cafeteria.

The VEE program, in which about 90 per cent of the horses in the state were vaccinated, drew more interest than any agriculture project he could remember, Graham told the group.

"During my years as Commissioner of Agriculture, I can recall no program which has drawn the interest as VEE. We are now in the midst of a study to determine horse numbers in the state but we are sure we are in the top ten states in the nation in horses. This has been borne out by the response to this program."

"Free vaccinations were available for every horse in the state in co-operation with USDA and I hope everyone took advantage of it."

"I would be remiss if I did not credit many people in the state with the success of this program," Graham continued. "The county extension workers in the state carried a big lead, along with the practicing veterinarians and the news media. Certainly I cannot say enough about these people."

"Really this points out the real vitality of the industry of agriculture in North Carolina."

"In 1970 we were the Number 1 state in the production of tobacco, \$576,274,000; sweet potatoes, \$13,816,000 and Farm Forestry \$44,935,000."

"We were Number 2 in peanuts, \$58,488 behind Georgia; number of farms - 156,000 behind Texas; cucumber pickles \$6,572,000 behind Michigan; Number 3 in eggs - 129,564,000 behind California and Georgia; turkeys - \$38,051,000 behind Minnesota and California; Number 4 in broilers - \$154,672,000 behind Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama; Number 5 in income from all crops - \$918,823,000, California, Illinois,

Texas, Iowa; peppers - \$3,164,000; Number 6 in snapbeans - \$2,817,000; Number 8 in peaches - \$2,996,000; apples \$9,169,000; hogs \$127,133,000; Number 11 in soybeans - \$56,265,000, all commodities - \$1 1/2 billion; Number 18 in all livestock products \$625,072,000; dairy products - \$95,930,000; Number 36 in cattle and calves - \$61,095,000; in top ten in horses, about 140,000 head."

In wrapping up his remarks, Commissioner Graham mentioned functions of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, not specifically agricultural, which offer services to the North Carolina consumers.

Food Stamps Still Waiting Approval

The county is still waiting for approval from the United States Department of Agriculture for the food stamp program here, although the stamps were approved by the county commissioners last spring.

In a letter last month T.C. Jones, chairman of the county board of commissioners, Clifton M. Craig, commissioner of the N.C. Department of Social Services wrote that the county's request for food stamps was still under consideration by USDA.

"We have recently been advised by USDA that for geographical expansion will depend on the level of funding that is determined for the program and on our best estimates of the potential impact of the new regulations."

The commissioners approved food stamps for the county last spring and hoped to get them into use here during the summer so that the surplus foods program could be phased out at the beginning of the current fiscal year.

T.B. Lester, county manager, said that they had given no idea aside from the letter, when the county would be able to start the food stamp program.

from the ESAP grant last year. Personnel include two library aides at Hoke High and two at the Upchurch library; a secretary at Hoke High, an aide at each of the five other schools and two teachers to help reduce class size.

Sutton said he expects the program to last until Christmas without additional federal funds, which will give the schools time to appeal the decision.

Hoke County was denied the funds primarily because the county was not moving children to different schools this year, one of the major considerations for See HEW, Page 7

They include Food, drug and cosmetic purity, Dairy regulations, N.C. Egg Law, Poultry grading, Veterinary laws, meat and poultry inspection, Weights and Measures and Gas and Oil inspection, Structural Pest Control and Credit Union supervision.

Commissioner Graham closed by stating: "I am proud of the industry of agriculture in North Carolina and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Agriculture does have a bright future and I am grateful for the opportunity to have a part in it."

Rep. Neill L. McFadyen introduced the speaker.

Two resolutions on cotton and tobacco were approved by the members.

The resolution reported by T.J. Harris, chairman of the cotton committee called for an acreage control program: continued support for a control on cotton and man-made fiber imports at ten per cent; called for government payments based on actual yields with provisions for disasters; recommended that lease and transfers should be allowed at any time during the year and called for research activities concentrated on staple length, insect control and costs of insect control.

Twelve tobacco resolutions reported by J.H. Blythe, chairman of the tobacco committee, recommended that anti-smoking commercials not be allowed free television time since tobacco advertising is banned; requested that transfer of tobacco acreage be authorized at any time during the year; called for the continuation of the present tobacco variety release program; opposed excise

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More Funds Are Approved From Region N

The city and county were allotted another \$31,600 from Region N to spend on jobs as part of a program to increase employment in the area, T.B. Lester, county manager, announced this week.

Five new positions will be created with the money, in addition to the two jobs already planned with fund approved from Region N.

The new jobs will include a janitor for the county office building, an aide in the Department of Social Services, another sanitarian's aide, an immunization aide at the health department and a mechanic for the board of education garage.

A sanitarian's aide and a landfill operator were approved for previously granted funds, Lester said. Although the funds have been approved, they have not yet been received, he said. Hiring will not begin until the money is received.

Civil Court Jurors Named

Prospective jurors have been named for the Nov. 1 term of district civil court.

A total of 47 persons were named to the list. They include C. A. Pendergrass, Willie James Ray, Eliza Wilson, Maurice B. Hayes, C. Stewart Myers, Grady L. Guin, Willie Belle Blue, Charles C. Conoly, Jr., Mary Davis, Maggie Dixon, Billie Gray Currie, Nettie Bryant Holt, Bobby C. Bounds, John Wayne Smith, Ralph Musser, Betty Irene Conoly, Bernice Morris, Bennie Edwards, Mrs. Ruth McDowell, James Harry McGugan, Dorothy R. Parks and John Ernest Jones McNeill.

Also included are Alberta Campbell Currie, Alphas Worth Pittman, Ernest Black, Wayne Jennings, Alma Lucas Honeycutt, Mrs. Clarence Dupree, Mrs. W. L. McMillan, Sr., Eloise McGregor, Charles Vance Daniels, Mrs. Dan C. Ray, Thomas Lee Locklear, David George Schuchard, Lillie Mae B., James Woodrow Hayes and Christine Bundy Wright.

Others are James Edwin Williams, Jack Eugene Elliott, Estelle Combs King, Willie Mae McRae, Archie Davis, Purcell Henderson, Herlena Kershaw, Mrs. Livingston Leroy Lyons, James Brice Bowles and Betty L. Bundy.

Only three cases are scheduled for the jury in the term beginning Monday.

These include contested cases of Louise Kemp Thomas vs Paul Brown Davis and Doreen Groom Davis; Ralph Edward Stewart vs Security General Insurance Company and an uncontested

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Despite increased police patrols, five downtown stores were broken into during the past week, bringing the total to seven stores that have been burglarized in the past few weeks.

Stores reporting robberies to Raeford police this past week include Raeford Department Store, Heilig - Meyers, McLauchlin Company, Coles Food Store and Collins Department Store.

In addition, Hoke Auto Company reported a theft from their car lot and vandalism to another car parked on their lot.

Most of the stores have been entered through the roof or through a second story window. Police Chief James Lamont reported. On Oct. 20, thieves entered Raeford Department Store through a skylight and then kicked the ceiling in above the stairwell.

About \$100 was taken from the upstairs and downstairs cash registers, according to the report.

The robbery occurred between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. manager Lewis Quick said. He said he closed the store about 5:30 and discovered the theft when he returned about 8:30 to deliver some light fixtures to the store.

Heilig - Meyers was entered on Thursday night through a second story window. According to the chief, the bars on the window were pried off with a crowbar.

Two pillows from a bed were ripped apart and the casings were used to carry out an estimated \$1,207 in small items. Goods listed as stolen included a portable television, ten watches, four tape players, a walkie-talkie set and cash.

Monday night three stores were broken into, Chief Lamont said. Entry was gained through a second floor window at the McLauchlin Company, which gave access to that firm and also to Cole's and Collins, all in the same building.

At McLauchlin Company, about \$100 was taken from the cash register and items such as pocket knives, flashlights and boxes of ammunition were stolen. Other knives were unwrapped and left on the floor.

At Cole's Food Store, the cash register was broken open and about \$40 in change was taken. Two half-gallons of milk, some half empty cookie packages and an empty wine bottle were found on the roof, store officials said.

An estimate of the loss at Collin's was not available.

About \$150 in equipment was reported stolen from a car on the Hoke Auto Company lot. Younger Sneed, Jr. reported Monday morning that a four barrel carburetor and a distributor had been taken from a car there. In addition, another car parked across the street in the auto company lot was scratched and the windshield wipers were broken off.

Six stores on Main Street have been broken into recently. Joe Sugar's of Raeford has been robbed four times in the past year, including three times in the past two months. Last week, Theresa's Dress Shop was robbed by someone who broke the glass on the back door. All of the other stores have been entered through the roof or a second story window, according to the police reports. None of the stores robbed have been equipped with burglar alarms, the chief said.

Increased patrols have been ordered for the Raeford force and Chief Lamont has called in agents from the SBI to aid in the investigation.

One break-in was reported this past week in the county Deputy Alex Norton investigated a report Tuesday morning of a break-in during the night at Clayton Gore's store on the intersection of N.C. 20 and the Antioch - Dundarrach highway.

The store was entered through a rear window, Norton said, about \$50 in lunch meat was reported stolen. Other items missing were several cartons of cigarettes, a shotgun and a small amount of milk and chips.

DSS Workers At Meeting

Workers from the county department of social services attended a district meeting of the North Carolina Association of Social Services, held last week at the Elk's Lodge in Southern Pines.

The program included a talk on the delivery of services in a department and then a discussion on personnel problems within social services agencies.

Attending the meeting from Hoke County were Plummer Locklear, Mrs. Catharin Brown, Mrs. Frances Cox, Miss Pat Cook and Miss Mable McDonald, DSS Director.

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