

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Old Man Winter arrived Sunday, and Tuesday morning, according to reports, the mercury dropped to 21 degrees. We believe that most folks will be glad that the change of the weather has finally arrived. Anyway it has stopped the rain for a few days.

The Hoke High School Bucks and the coaching staff are to be congratulated on another fine season. The Bucks ended the season in second place in the conference and had a won-loss record of 8-2. One of the defeats was at the hands of Reid Ross, a 4-A school in Fayetteville. The only conference loss was to the conference champs, Dunn.

The Bucks made the playoffs and will meet Seventy First, there, Friday night. So everyone get an overcoat and make ready to cheer the Bucks on to the state title.

Someone said that people around Fayetteville were spotting the Bucks 21 points if you wanted to wager a few dollars. Of course we don't gamble, but it seems to me that maybe the Fayetteville crowd doesn't have any respect for the Hoke High Bucks. Time will tell!

We received a nice letter from Jane Hinnant of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, recently. She said that she was a former resident of Raeford and always looks forward to receiving The News - Journal and reading news from home. She stated that she used to get the paper on Sunday, but now it didn't arrive until Wednesday. This seems like slow postal service to me. We hope that the service will improve and that she will receive the paper earlier and every week.

The board of directors of the Hoke County United Fund will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:45 o'clock in the Board of Education conference room. We still haven't found anyone to head the drive, but the drive should get underway next week. If you would like to help with the drive, please contact Dr. Julius Jordan or this writer.

G. B. Rowland and Phil Diehl received honors at Homecoming activities at Wake Forest last Saturday. The article appears in another part of the papers. Mr. Rowland said that the football game was really a thriller. He stated that if William and Mary had had five more minutes they would have won the game. We say Congratulations to Rowland and Diehl.

## Army Tests New Machine For EKGs

A machine that is expected to offer important benefits in screening electrocardiographs is being tested for the state health department by Army medical personnel at the Hoke County health center.

The electro-cardio analyzer makes an observation that is reflected in the lights on the machine. A non-medical operator can record the reading on a special form to give a complete picture, according to Dr. George T. Reavell, Special Forces doctor at the center.

In addition, regular electro-cardiographs will be given as part of the multiphasic screening for men over 35 and women over 40 and the results of the conventional EKG will be compared with those obtained with the analyzer.

Dr. Reavell and Dr. Jerry Welch, also of Ft. Bragg, will evaluate the machines to determine which is the more accurate as a screening device.

Dr. Reavell stressed the importance of having an EKG before any heart condition is suspected.

"There are an estimated 600,000 to 900,000 silent heart attacks every year - heart attacks that go unrecognized," he said. "An EKG in a patient's records gives a physician something to compare with if the patient develops symptoms of heart problems because he can see if the EKG has changed."

Another new program at the health center is fluoride treatments for school youngsters in the county. Dr. James Journet, a Special Forces dentist, and SGT Ken Curelo, dental assistant, have begun topical fluoride treatments for Head Start children. Dr. Journet said they plan to continue the treatment a grade at a time throughout the schools.

## No Roads For Hoke

No road projects for Hoke County were listed among the bids opened last week by the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly meeting. There were 21 projects in 23 counties involving more than 122 miles of road improvements in the bids totaling \$16,877,964.75.



**DOCTORS OF LAW** - Phillip A. Diehl (left) admires G.B. Rowland's juris doctor diploma awarded the juris doctor degree to G.B. Rowland. Rowland and Diehl were both awarded the doctorates from Wake Forest School of Law in a ceremony at the campus last Saturday. Rowland, who is a graduate of the 1914 class, is the fourth oldest living graduate of the Wake Forest law school. The school is now granting its graduates the juris doctor degree, modeled after the English degree, and in the ceremonies Saturday, granted the degree retroactively to holders of its bachelor's degree.

## Fourth Offense DUI Nol Prossed During Judge-Solicitor Conflict

An argument in the courtroom between the judge and the solicitor over the prosecution of a driving under the influence, fourth offense case continued in the clerk's office following district court adjournment Friday. The case was not prossed in the struggle.

In a sharp exchange in the clerk's office, in front of several bystanders, Judge Dupree accused Assistant Solicitor Henry Witcover of "doing the same thing that Armor did" in nol prossing the case.

This refers to Cumberland County Frank Armor, who is being tried in superior court for misconduct in a DUI case. Asst. Witcover denied the accusation and said there was a great deal of difference between the two actions.

The argument was the latest in a series of disagreements between the judge and the assistant solicitor.

Following a conference at the bench between Judge Dupree, Asst. Solicitor Witcover and Joe McLeod, defense attorney, the judge announced to the courtroom that the solicitor had just nol prossed a DUI, fourth offense, with a breathalyzer reading in the case of .15 percent.

"I want the public to know that the court is not involved in this," Judge Dupree announced. "In my opinion, the state has arbitrarily chosen to take a nol pros on a DUI charge."

William Roland Beckwith of Raeford was charged by Highway Patrol Trooper C.A. Bennett of driving under the influence, fourth offense.

According to Judge Dupree, Asst. Sol. Witcover agreed to accept a guilty plea on a charge of careless and reckless driving. However, since the arresting officer was not in the courtroom, Judge Dupree refused to hear the case in his absence.

Asst. Sol. Witcover protested that the state has the right to decide how a case is to be prosecuted and what witnesses to call.

"We are prepared to go forward on the case," he said.

Judge Dupree again said he would not hear any plea without taking testimony from the arresting officer and Asst. Witcover then said he would take a nol pros in the case.

The case was originally set to be tried on Oct. 29 and was continued but the date for which it was rescheduled is unclear. The case was listed on the printed docket for Nov. 5, but Assistant Clerk of Court Frankie Seals said she thought that it was continued until Nov. 12 and that she mistook the 2 for a 5 when she made up the calendar. Trooper Bennett's regular court day is Nov. 12, and later at the courthouse, he said he understood the case was to be continued until Nov. 12. However Beckwith and McLeod were both present for court and remained in the courtroom throughout the session. McLeod asked for the case to be taken to the courtroom after he discovered that although it was listed on the calendar, the citation was not with the cases to be tried that day.

With the nol pros, Asst. Sol. Witcover entered the following statement: "Case was docketed for 11/5/71. Judge refused to listen to negotiated plea of C&R (careless and reckless) so the state took a nolle prosequi."

Beneath that, Judge Dupree entered: "Nov. 5. The above writing which alleges that the court refused to hear a negotiated plea is a false statement. The

court simply refused to hear the case in the absence of the state's witnesses - none of which were present."

As Asst. Sol. Witcover started to leave the clerk's office, Judge Dupree said, "And what you just wrote on that shuck (the jacket that holds the citation) is an out and out lie."

"Now, Your Honor, that's not true, Witcover replied.

"It is a lie and I'll knock your damn teeth out the back of your throat for you in about two more minutes," Judge Dupree told him.

Asst. Sol. Witcover repeated that the case was on the docket for that day and that the state had the prerogative to prosecute the case in the manner it saw fit.

According to Judge Dupree, he and Asst. Sol. Witcover have clashed several times in court in Cumberland County over procedures in the courtroom.

McLeod said Monday that "there appears to have been some conflict between the prosecutor and the court and we were just on the sidelines observing

## Two Youths Are Charged With Downtown Breakins

### C.D. Bounds Resigns; SNB Audit In Process

C. D. Bounds resigned Friday as vice-president of Southern National Bank in Raeford and an examination of "problems" is being conducted by SNB auditors.

"Bounds has resigned, we have accepted his resignation and the bank is under examination," J. E. Sandlin of Lumberton, executive vice-president said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"We found some problems in the office there, and until the examination is complete, we can't make any other statement. There are some difficulties in the records, but whenever problems in a management are discovered, they sometimes can be explained. We are in the process of making an examination of the office."

Southern National Bank internal auditors are conducting the examination, Sandlin said.

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the bank Monday afternoon. Bounds appeared briefly before them.

Bounds joined the bank in 1960 and moved to Raeford in October of 1963. He assumed the management of the bank here in 1964.

He has been active in civic and church affairs in the community and is president of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

### Food Stamps Approved

Hoke County was approved last week for the food stamp program by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Russell H. James, Southeast regional administrator of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, announced Nov. 2 that Hoke and seven other North Carolina counties were among 192 counties across the nation that have been approved.

Other counties in the state are Clay, Cumberland, Davidson, Duplin, Graham, Mitchell and Pender. At the present, 50 North Carolina counties provide food assistance with the food stamp program. The remaining 50 operate food distribution programs.

The food stamp program is not expected to begin until next May at the earliest, according to Miss Mabel McDonald, director of the county department of Social Services. She has been notified of the probable date by the State Department of Social Services, which administers the program.

James said that the implementation of the food stamp program in the newly designated counties is contingent upon North Carolina's submission of an acceptable plan of operation under the new food stamp regulations announced by USDA in July.

Two Hoke High students have been charged with the series of downtown breakins and a third youth is being sought in connection with the thefts.

Sylvester Adams, 17, and Willie Edward Buie, Jr., 17, were arrested Monday by Raeford police chief James Lamont and Hoke County deputy Harvey Young. The youths were charged with a total of 12 counts of felonious breaking, entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Charges are pending against a third young man who had not been taken into custody Tuesday.

Adams and Buie are charged with breaking into and robbing six downtown stores during October. They are accused of the thefts at Joe Sugar's on Oct. 10 and Oct. 13; at Raeford Department Store on Oct. 20; at Heilig - Meyers on Oct. 21 and at Coles, McLaughlin Company and Collins on Oct. 25.

Adams is charged with seven felony counts and Buie is charged with five counts. An additional seven counts of breaking, entering, larceny and receiving are alleged against the third man.

The two youths are in Hoke County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond for Adams and \$8,000 bond for Buie pending a preliminary hearing in district court.

More than \$2,000 in cash and merchandise was reported stolen in the series of thefts. The robbery at Heilig - Meyers alone netted about \$1,200. The robberies were all committed similarly, according to police reports. Entry into the stores was made either through skylights or heating vents in the roofs or through second story windows. At Heilig - Meyers, the bars on a second floor window were pried off with a crow-bar. The ceiling at Raeford Department Store was kicked down for about twenty feet from where the thieves through an old skylight.

Chief Lamont said that a large amount of the merchandise reported stolen in the series of breakins was recovered.

The arrests came after an intensive investigation by the city police and other law enforcement officers. Chief Lamont expressed appreciation for help given by the Hoke County sheriff and deputies, ABC officer Kermit Reiley and Ray Davis, SBI agent in Fayetteville.

## Couple Killed In Crash On Bypass Saturday

Traffic on U.S. 401 Bypass was diverted into Raeford for nearly an hour Saturday night following a head-on collision in which two persons were killed.

Nancy Drange Staley, 25, and Wade Floyd Coley, Jr., 26, both of Charlotte, were killed instantly when the car driven by Miss Staley veered into the path of a tractor-trailer and was struck head-on. The truck driver, Finis Bollen Kirkland of Batesburg, S.C. was not injured.

C.A. Bennett, Highway Patrol Trooper who investigated the accident, said that according to a statement given by a driver behind the Staley car, Miss Staley was traveling south on the bypass when her car suddenly darted into the path of the northbound truck. Her car was about five feet across the center line when it was hit, Bennett said.

The accident occurred just north of the

Vass Road crossing about 11:15 Saturday night.

Traffic was diverted by city and police officers, who assisted at the scene, and was routed through town until the highway could be cleared. Members of the Hoke County Rescue Squad and Dr. Riley Jordan, county medical examiner, also assisted at the scene.

The two deaths were the county's twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth traffic fatalities this year. Ten persons died in traffic accidents last year.

## Squad Plans Plate Sale

A fund raising dinner and supper for the Hoke County Rescue Squad, Inc. will be held Saturday at the squad building on Adams Street beginning at 11 a.m.

Plates will include barbecue, slaw, candied yams and the trimmings, and may be eaten there or taken out. The price will be \$1.25 a plate with the proceeds to be used to help meet operating expenses.

## Cliff Blue's Condition Said 'Fair'

PINEHURST - H. Clifton "Cliff" Blue was reported in "fair" condition Wednesday at Moore County Hospital.

Blue, 61, publisher of the weekly Sandhill Citizen at Aberdeen and an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress in 1970, suffered a heart attack on Friday. Blue is a former speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives and a prominent Democrat.

## One Injured In Minor Wreck On U.S. 401 Monday

One man was slightly injured Monday in a wreck on U.S. 401 about eight miles north of town.

James Edward Pippas of Rt. 4, Dunn, received minor injuries when his bottling company truck was hit in the rear by a truck driven by George M. Rogers, of Deanco, N.J.

According to K.W. Weston, Highway Patrol Trooper, Pippas was driving north on 401 when he slowed for turning traffic ahead of him and the Rogers' truck hit his rear right bumper.

Rogers was charged with failing to reduce speed.



**TWO KILLED** - The driver and passenger in this small car were killed instantly in a head-on collision with a truck Saturday night on 401 bypass. Here Dr. Riley Jordan, county medical examiner, checks the driver.

FOLLOW THE BUCKS TO SEVENTY-FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT