

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

If you haven't purchased your ticket to the Raeford Kiwanis Club annual pancake supper, do so today. Any member of the club has tickets and will be glad to let you have one. The supper will be held at the Gibson School cafeteria starting at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2.

The picture of Main Street which ran in the paper last week had a mistake in the outline. The date should have read May 31, 1911.

We would like to thank Howard Barkley for covering the football games for the paper this past season. He did an excellent job for us and we would not have had the football writeups except for his work. Thanks again, Howard.

The Bucks didn't defeat Havelock, but the Rams certainly knew that they were in a battle. Hoke High scored the most points on them for the season and Havelock was behind for the first time this season. The score at the half was 8-6 in favor of the Bucks. Even in defeat the whole community is proud of the Bucks. They had an outstanding season and if the ball had bounced the wrong way once or twice they could be playing for the championship. Congratulations to the coaching staff, football players, cheerleaders and also Jimmy James and his fine band.

Now on to basketball.

The Booster Club will meet for supper on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the W.T. Gibson cafeteria.

A guest speaker will present the program.

Below are letters to the writer of this column and also to the executive secretary of the N.C.H.S. Athletic Association.

Dear Sam:
I am writing this before the Havelock game, therefore I can't be accused by the people of Havelock of sour grapes if we lose, or gloating if we win.

I have witnessed more unethical dealing in the game, from the State Superintendent, Dr. Craig Phillips, and the school people of Havelock, and especially the Mayor of Havelock, than I have ever encountered in my twenty two years of school work.

The principal of Havelock, and I agreed to abide by Mr. Simon Terrell's decision, though the principal did not live up to his word, therefore we were forced to play the game at Havelock. It is a long, involved story, that people wouldn't believe, unless they lived through it. I would like to thank all of our people for sticking with us through this unpleasant encounter, and the people can rest assured that this is not the end of it, because when an individual puts athletics, as much as I love them, above the safety of the students involved, whether that individual be a State Superintendent, or a principal, they don't have any right to be associated with young people whatsoever.

Sincerely,
Raz Autry
November 22, 1971
Mr. Simon Terrell, Exec. Sec.
N.C.H.S. Athletic Association
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Simon:
I wish to go on record as placing a formal protest against the unethical conduct of the Administration of Havelock High School. It is unfortunate that my own school is involved, but that is beside the point. As one that was elected to the Board of Control to represent the schools in the state, I feel it is my duty to see that this doesn't happen again.

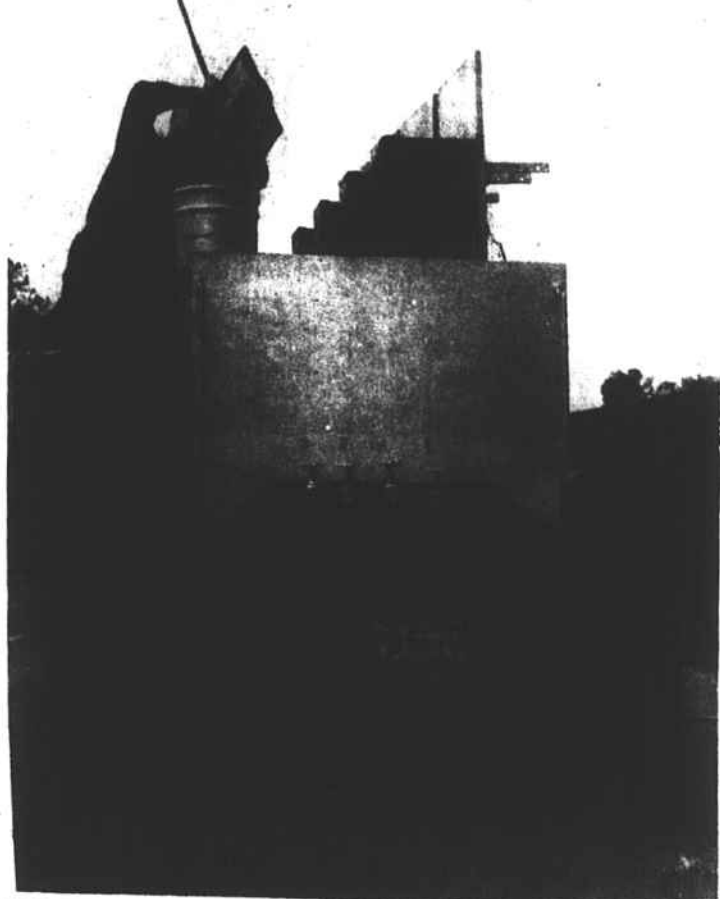
On page 14 of the handbook it states that the representatives shall meet, and work out the details concerning the game. The Havelock officials would not agree to meet with representatives from Hoke High School, and wanted to work out details on the telephone. We told the principal that this would not be satisfactory, but he insisted. We were not invited to see their facilities at any time. I sent the head coach and one assistant to make arrangements at New Bern for a pre-game meal. I told them to go to Havelock, and check the facilities. The facilities were as poor as any in the state.

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In Superior Court

McClendon Found Not Guilty Of Rape

\$18,171.11 United Fund Campaign Underway



FISH FOR NEXT SUMMER - R.E. Smathers, supervisor of the Fayetteville hatchery, dips out some of the 30,000 little shell crackers released into Rockfish Creek last week. The minnow-sized small fry were put in at the bridge on 401 Bypass.

By Havelock

Autry Protests

Unethical Conduct

Raz Autry, principal of Hoke High School, has accused the Administration of Havelock High School of unethical conduct and has lodged a protest with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The protest grew out of the controversy surrounding the playing field at Havelock on which the two teams met for the semi-final round of the Southeastern 3-A Conference last Friday night.

Autry has charged the administration with nine instances of unethical conduct and has asked for a public reprimand from the Board of Control of the N.C.H.S. Athletic Association.

In his letter to Simon Terrell, executive secretary of the Association, Autry made it clear that his protest was not directed

N-J To Publish Shelter Plans

Next Thursday citizens of Raeford and Hoke County will receive an important information package with their copies of THE NEWS-JOURNAL. This supplement will help each householder be prepared for a nuclear attack, and tell him where to go and what to do in the event an attack occurs. People who do not receive the supplement with their newspaper on Thursday should immediately contact the Hoke County Civil Defense Office and obtain a free copy.

The information package contains maps of the entire county and Raeford showing the location of every public fallout shelter, and the routes people should take to reach them. Additional information is given about

what items families should carry with them to public shelters. The householder also is told how to set up a fallout shelter in his own home in case he prefers a private shelter. Enough public shelter spaces are available for the entire county population.

The information and guidance contained in this newspaper supplement will give all residents of Hoke County a better chance of surviving the deadly radioactive fallout that would follow a nuclear attack.

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Sales Tax In County Is \$9,858

The one per cent sales tax in the county for October amounted to \$9,858.95, according to a report issued by the State Department of Revenue.

Collection for the state during that month were \$4,626,531.15. Collections in neighboring counties that have the one per cent tax were: Cumberland, \$236,546.88 and Moore, \$48,423.53.

Bloodmobile Here Dec. 1

The Bloodmobile will be at Burlington Industries Dec. 1 for the quarterly county collection.

The in-plant visit will be held from 12 to 5:30 p.m.

Clyde Upchurch, Hoke County Bloodmobile chairman, urged residents to donate at this visit to keep the county up on its quota.

Two More Jobs OKed

The county has received final approval to hire two more persons under the public service employment act, county manager T.B. Lester said this week.

A total of five jobs have been approved for the county. The jobs are expected to be filled immediately, he said. Hiring was delayed until funding arrangements were made, Lester said.

The two jobs most recently approved include a janitor for the county office building and a social services aide. Other jobs approved under the act designed to increase employment are two sanitation aides, and an immunization specialist for the health center.

Conference Delegation To Remain

The N.C. Community Action Association, headed by Phil Diehl, has lost its bid to change the make-up of the North Carolina delegation to the White House Conference on Aging.

The N.C. CAA had contended that the elderly poor are not represented on the delegation appointed by Governor Bob Scott and asked in a letter to President Nixon that delegate-at-large slots equal to one third of the official delegation be given to elderly poor representatives.

In a letter to Diehl last week, Arthur S. Flemming, chairman of the Conference,

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Boy Arrested For Breakins

Wilbert Fairley, 16, who was wanted by the police in connection with the series of store breakins here, was arrested last week at his home.

He was charged with seven counts of breaking, entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Everyone should keep this civil defense information in a safe place where it will be readily available should a nuclear attack occur.

Copies will also be available at the offices of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce and the Hoke County Civil Defense Agency. Wendell S. Young, the Agricultural Extension Chairman, has agreed to assist in the distribution of the supplement to rural non-subscribers of the newspaper and new families in the county.

Donald D. Abernethy, Superintendent of Hoke County Schools, has agreed to allow the oldest child in each non-subscribing family to take a copy of the supplement home.

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The United Fund campaign got underway this week toward a goal this year of \$18,171.11.

The drive will be conducted by the directors. No campaign manager was named this year.

The goal this year is \$1,010.08 less than last year's goal. The budget for most of the 12 agencies remained the same, however reductions were made in the allocation to the recreation program, Community development and to Carolina United, the combined national agencies such as USO, and Mental Association.

The only increase in the budget went to the county 4-H clubs.

The fund breakdown this year includes:

Girls Scouts	\$3,000
Boy Scouts
Cape Fear Council	\$3,000
Oconee Council	\$1,500
Red Cross	\$4,302
White Cane	\$500
4-H Clubs	\$937
Crippled Children	\$400
Community Development	\$500
Recreation Program	\$500
Hoke Rescue Squad	\$1,000
Needy Children (School)	\$500
Senior Citizens	\$125
Carolina United	\$1,907.11

Reductions this year were made in the community development budget from \$1,000 to \$500; the recreation program from \$1,000 last year to \$500 and in Carolina United from \$2,069.19 to \$1,907.11.

The 4-H clubs were increased from \$785 to \$937.

The officers and directors of the drive remain the same this year. Dr. Julius Jordan is president and W.T. McAllister is vice-president. Mrs. O.B. Israel is secretary and Sam Murr is treasurer.

Directors with one year remaining are: Mrs. Richard Neely, Lewis Oxendine, Wyatt Upchurch, A.W. Wood, Jr. and Hugh Simmons.

Directors with two years remaining are: William Lamont, W.T. McAllister, Allen McDonald and Sam C. Morris. A replacement for Ed Murray, who moved, has not been announced.

Directors with three years remaining are: Leonard Frahm, C.D. Bounds, Mrs. O.B. Israel, Dr. Julius Jordan and Graham Pope.

Court Probe In County Uncertain

Jack Thompson, solicitor for the 12th Judicial District that includes Cumberland Hoke counties, said he did not know yet if he would carry his investigation of the court system into Hoke County.

Thompson has been probing irregularities in the operation of a magistrate in Cumberland County and has expanded the investigation to include a broad area of the legal system there.

The Cumberland County Bar Association has endorsed the investigation and recommended that Thompson include "but not be limited to" investigation of:

-- The office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

-- The office of the magistrates.

-- The office of Judge of District Court.

-- Any attorney practicing in Cumberland County.

-- All law enforcement officers and agencies.

In referring to Hoke County, Thompson said: "A lot will depend on the information I receive as to where it will lead."

"I can't really say if Hoke County will be involved in the investigation because I just got most of the information last week and I've been in Hoke County all this week so I haven't had a chance to evaluate it."

Thompson was in the county all last week during the session of superior court.

Johnny McClendon was found not guilty of statutory rape Thursday by a jury that deliberated less than an hour.

The Ellerbe man had been on trial for his life since Tuesday for the rape of an 11-year-old girl here. Conviction would have meant a mandatory death sentence, unless the jury had recommended life imprisonment.

The selection of the jury took longer than the presentation of evidence in the case. Nine jurors were selected in three hours Tuesday afternoon and three more and an alternate were chosen Wednesday morning. The jury was impaneled at 11:25. Twenty-three jurors were excused before the defense and prosecution agreed on the seven men and five women to hear the case. An additional 12 jurors had to be drawn after the regular list for this session was exhausted. The state excused nine prospective jurors and the defense excused 11. Three persons were excused "for cause," which does not count against the 14 challenges allotted to the state and each defendant. Two black men were among those chosen to hear the case. The defendant and prosecuting witness were black.

Immediately after the jury was impaneled, the state began the presentation of its evidence. The defense presented its evidence after the state's was completed. Defense attorney Jack Thompson made his closing argument to the jury that afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Solicitor Jack Thompson addressed the jury Thursday morning.

The child was the state's first witness. She told the jury that McClendon came to her house about 4 p.m. on March 26 of last year. He brought two plates of shrimp with him and after he and her mother ate some of the shrimp, they went to the bedroom and closed the door, she said. Her mother borrowed McClendon's car about 6 p.m. and left the home to go to a laundrette, the girl said. Then she and her sister and McClendon played cards for awhile and after her three sisters then went to bed, McClendon asked her to make him a sandwich. When she took the sandwich to him, she said he put his hand under her culottes and panties and "scratched my private parts." She then went back to the kitchen, put away the bread and went into the living room to watch television, she told the court. McClendon was seated on a chair in the living room then. As she got up to go to bed, she said McClendon grabbed her arm, and holding her by the wrist, unbuttoned her one-piece culotte outfit and took it off. He raped her by the chair and allowed her to get dressed again, she said. Then he took her clothes off again and raped her twice more, she said, once on the couch and once by a table near the couch.

Diehl, questioning her gently, examined closely the number of attacks and the location of the two people in the room. The child's terminology "private parts" figured heavily in the defense.

Under Diehl's cross-examination, the girl said that McClendon had intercourse with her once as he leaned against a chair pulling her against him and twice with him seated on the couch with her between his legs.

Then speaking quietly, Diehl asked the girl "This isn't the first time you and your mother have accused someone of doing this with you, is it? You accused your father of doing this, didn't you?"

"Yes," the child said. "And this was just before your father left and right after your mother started dating McClendon wasn't it?"

Thompson asked the girl if her father did have intercourse with her and she said he had.

Dr. Riley Jordan next testified for the state, saying that he had examined the child at 10:25 p.m. on March 27 and found the opening of the vagina bruised and swollen. He did not make a complete pelvic examination, he said, because he could only insert one finger into her vagina. He said he could not form an opinion based on his examination as to whether the girl had had intercourse.

Under cross-examination, Dr. Jordan called the bruises and swelling "slight to moderate" and said that they could have occurred six to 12 hours earlier.

Mrs. Lili Mae Graham then testified that the next day, Saturday, her mother

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Unexpected Guests Surprised First Pilgrim Thanksgiving

Ninety neighbors just happened to drop by as the Pilgrims sat down to their first Thanksgiving spread.

They were Indians, and the Pilgrims -- outnumbered nearly two to one -- graciously invited them to stay for a bite. They stayed three days, getting into the spirit so well they slipped back into the woods and hunted up five deer for the festive pot.

Now, 350 years later, descendants of Pilgrims and Indians will sit down for another get-together in Plymouth, Massachusetts. It is part of year-long

observances remembering the trials and triumph of the tiny foothold in the New World, the log-cabin village of Plymouth.

This year's Thanksgiving banquet should easily outshine the plain repast that was laid on rough tables under the trees that chilly autumn in 1621, the National Geographic Society says.

The first Thanksgiving dinner was hardly sumptuous, though apparently much appreciated by all. The Indians suffered chronic near-starvation, and the Pilgrims had lived little better since

arriving on the Mayflower the previous December. All but 52 died that first winter.

Pilgrims faced their first spring planting with justifiable foreboding. Most were townpeople, and what little they knew about farming suited Europe and England.

The Indians saved the day, showing them how to plant corn, beans, squash, and that amazing "melon" they called a pumpkin, and how to catch "fatt and sweet" eels, which the Pilgrims relished above all, and the unfamiliar lobsters

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the New World's first giving of thanks not in Plymouth, but in a Virginia colony on December 4, 1619.

The Pilgrims get-together with the Indians is believed to be what President Lincoln had in mind when he proclaimed the last Thursday of November as the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

Oddly, nobody knows when the first Plymouth Thanksgiving occurred -- in November, or during the more likely harvest time of September or October. Apparently the hungry Pilgrims were too busy eating to note the date.