

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

Dear Mr. Morris:  
We, the Junior Bowlers of Fayetteville and Raeford wish to express our gratitude to you for your interest in bowling and for your continued support.

Your recent publication succeeded in spotlighting the sport of bowling and the participation of young people in the sport.

Thank you again for your interest and support and we extend an invitation to you to come and watch us bowl.

Sincerely:  
(Mrs.) Mary Lake - Secretary  
Fayetteville Junior Bowling Association

The following letter was received last week and since we published the letter from Raz Autry we thought our readers would be interested in the following:

Mr. F.W. Harrington, President  
N.C. High School  
Athletic Association  
P.O. Box 1250  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Sir:  
As President of the Havelock Rams Booster Club, I am writing this letter in rebuttal to two letters written by Mr. G.R. Autry, Principal of Hoke County High School. One letter was to Mr. Sam Morris, Editor of The News-Journal, Raeford, and the other was to Mr. Simon Terrell, Executive Secretary of the N.C. High School Athletic Association.

Since I am writing this letter AFTER the Havelock-Hoke Game, I don't really care if I am accused of gloating over the fact that we won the game. Our sons deserved to win. They worked hard and long for a very honest coaching staff and brought the final games and victory to their hometown, where they deserved to play these all-important games.

I do not believe the integrity of the players was foremost in Mr. Autry's mind when he suggested playing in Havelock, and definitely not the welfare of their character or morale. Really, did Mr. Autry write that letter to Sam Morris before the Havelock Game, in the past tense? And who used bad ethics by sending his Athletic Director and Coach to another school (New Bern) to inspect their facilities before inspecting Havelock's, by sneaking into town unannounced? All this after Mr. Autry and Mr. Gainey, Havelock Principal, had agreed by telephone that the game would be played in Havelock.

In his letter to Mr. Simon Terrell, Mr. Autry brought out nine points. I would like to correct those I am most familiar with.

POINT NO. 2 - Mr. Terrell and Mr. Autry met with Mr. Gainey and no one else. I was there, as were several other Booster Club members, awaiting the big decision so we could make arrangements to man the gates, cancel or confirm orders for refreshment stand supplies, cancel or confirm the request for Military Police from MCAS, Cherry Point, make preparations, if necessary, for moving two thousand seats from MCAS, Cherry Point to the football field, etc. The Press indeed was there. Mr. Gene Smith wrote the press release and aided in calling the news media, T.V. and Radio Stations from Greenville to the Coast, after Mr. Terrell's infamous decision.

POINT NO. 7 - This is a lie which I take as a personal insult. There were 4800 seats at the ball field, 1350 on the guest side (New Bern has 900), 300 in the North End Zone (New Bern has none), and 3150 on the host side of the field (New Bern has 4000). I know this to be a fact because I had more than 2000 of these seats moved by Government equipment operated by Marines and Government civilian employees, from the Air Station to the football field on Thursday and Friday, completing the task only a few hours before the kick off.

POINT NO. 8 - The end zones were rolled; however, the entire surface could not be safely rolled due to the weight of the roller on the area where there was no grass, causing uneven areas which would surely have rendered the playing surface unsuitable.

POINT NO. 9 - This is a complete fabrication as we had fire Policemen stationed near the Hoke buses all during the game, and a couple of Booster Club members followed the buses out of town to preclude an unfortunate incident such as we experienced at Dunn the previous week. Perhaps this happened in New Bern where the Hoke players changed uniforms rather than accept our hospitality, which included having U.S. Marine field coats set up in the Athletic Mat Room to afford the Hoke players an opportunity to rest after their long bus ride. If this incident had happened in Havelock, I sincerely hope the bus driver would have had the intelligence to stop and report it while still in Havelock, as we did in Dunn.

To reaffirm that we did not meet with Mr. Autry during his visit a few days earlier, I did not recognize him when,  
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## "Silent Night, Holy Night"



As the holiday season spreads warmth and joy throughout our town,

it is a pleasure for us to pause and wish our many friends the very best of Christmases.

We hope that every home is blessed with abundance and good cheer!

From The Staff of

### The News-Journal

## Tex-Elastic Boosts Fund

The United Fund drive got a welcome boost this week when Tex - Elastic turned in their contribution.

The employees donated \$1,150 and the corporation matched it for a total of \$2,300.

Tex - Elastic is the second of the industries to report; Upchurch Milling Company completed their drive earlier this month.

The Highway and Public Works Commission turned in their contribution this week with 100 per cent.

Upchurch School completed their drive with \$490.

Total contributions for the United Fund so far amount to \$5,636.60. The goal this year is \$18,171.11 to support the dozen agencies that depend on the Fund for the year.

The Fund directors reminded those who have not been contacted for a donation that contributions can be turned in to Box 550 or to The News - Journal.

## Special Term Set For Court

A special term of Superior Court will be held here the week of Jan. 31, immediately following the regular term beginning Jan. 24.

The special session was set to try to clear some of the backlog of cases that developed after the short August term. Several cases that are expected to involve lengthy trials have been continued from the past two superior court terms for lack of time to try them.

Prospective jurors for the Jan. 24 term were selected last week. A total of 64 names were included on the list for the session.

Nine jurors will be selected to serve a year's term on the grand jury. Half of the grand jury is chosen each January and half is selected in August.

A second jury list is being prepared this week for the special session.

On the list for the Jan. 24 term are Robert Glenn McInnis, James A. McCoy, Leanna McGougan Lester, Mable Bryant, James Virgil, William Roscoe Sinclair, King Henry Love, Flora Clemon Leslie, George Morris, Jr., John Thomas Virgil, Dewey Hendrix, Alvin Cameron, Willie Jacobs, Alberta McPhatter, John Walter Strickland, Maggie Moore, Thomas Rudolph Burgess, John Henry Love,

Prentis Parker and Roscoe G. McLaughlin.

Also chosen are Nathan Campbell, Jr., James F. Brock, Ann Holt Clark, Wesley Douglas, Hester Setliff Boyles, Annie B. McDonald, Arthur Andrews, Rachel Dees, Charles C. Conoly, Jr., Betty L. Bundy, James A. McBryde, Mary Morgan, Jeannie Mae Quick, Calvin Foster McBryde, Jr., Lottie Smith, Henry Hill, Sr., James Edwin Baker, Edna Biggs Everleigh, Clyde Gibson McGougan, Willie I. Strider, E. C. Duncan, John Torrey, James Liles, Jerry L. Adcox and Fedor Purcell.

Others are George Pittman, Mrs. Robert C. Latimer, Jr., Carl McKenzie, Lee Ester Kelley, Zenobia Ann Byrd, Malcolm Patterson, Rovenia McPhatter, Gertrude Walden Willis, Hilton W. Villines, Clyde Ferguson, Thad Marks, Edgar McGougan, Franklin Hinson, Frank McMillan, Mrs. John David McBryde, Robert A. Stewart, William Henry Harris, Ruby Strother Crouch and John L. McNeill.

## Region N Gets Funds

Region N Council of Governments has been awarded \$13,333 from the Department of Housing and Urban

## Community Celebrates Christmas Holidays



## SFC Dixon To Retire

SFC Roger Dixon, administrative supply specialist for the National Guard 2/252 Armor Battalion, is retiring Friday after 28 years service.

SFC Dixon will retire as a CWO2. He held a warrant officer rank for ten years until 1960 when the National Guard abolished the warrant officer ranks under reorganization. SFC Dixon came to the Guard here as a full - time administrative supply technician in 1948. Prior to that he had served one year in the National Guard and five years on active duty in the Navy.

While working as company AST, he has served under company commanders CPT Paul Dickson, CPT Edwin D. Newton, CPT Thomas M. Macko, CPT John W. Jones and CPT Daniel E. Baker. In his staff administrative work in the battalion, he has served two commanders: LTC Edwin D. Newton and the present commander LTC Charles E. Lewis.

Businesses, offices and industries will be closed for the next few days as the community celebrates the Christmas season.

Almost everything will be closed Monday following Christmas. Most offices and industries will be closed on Christmas Eve also. Knit-Away began an extended shutdown last Friday, Dec. 19 and will reopen Tuesday. Tex - Elastic closed at 11 p.m. Wednesday and will reopen on Jan. 3.

Raeford Turkey Farm scheduled holidays from Thursday afternoon until Tuesday morning and Burlington's plants will close midnight Thursday resume with the third shift on Dec. 28.

City Hall will be closed from noon Thursday until Tuesday morning. John Gaddy, city manager, announced that two garbage pickups would be scheduled Wednesday and only skeleton crews to keep the downtown area clean would work until Tuesday.

Trash would be heavy next week, he said, and he asked residents to be patient with the backlog.

The city council meeting, scheduled normally for Jan. 3, has been reset for Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at city hall. The county commissioners will meet on Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the board of education building.

A planning board meeting set originally for Jan. 10 has been rescheduled for Jan. 17 to hear a request by the Rev. Ned Hicks to operate a rehabilitation home for former prisoners in the Hillcrest area.

The courthouse will be closed Friday and Monday.

Several churches in the community plan Christmas Eve services. High school students at Raeford Presbyterian Church are staging a living Nativity scene on Thursday and Friday nights in the church yard.

## Sales Tax Is \$11,146

Collections of the one per cent sales tax for November in the county amounted to \$11,146.20, according to a report prepared by the state Department of Revenue.

Total collections in the state were \$4,903,594.81 for November. Collections in surrounding counties include: Cumberland \$247,745.17 and Moore \$56,815.87. Scotland and Robeson counties do not have the one per cent sales tax.

## 1972 Tags On Sale Soon

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1972 license plates were placed in the mail on Dec. 20 and 21. Department of Motor Vehicles officials expect this huge mailing, estimated at more than 3,500,000 cards, to be delivered by Jan. 1.

The 1972 blue and white plates will go on sale throughout the state on Jan. 4. The 1971 plates expire Dec. 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the Department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the Department have thru Feb. 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain plates at Raeford.

Office hours will be from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday and 9:00 thru 12:00 Saturday.

The local license agent, Miss Frances Greene, points out that "to renew a plate you must have a renewal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when it is received. She also asks you to open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application according to instructions before presenting it for a new plate. This will expedite issuance and keep lines from forming.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Post Office in Red Springs and Raeford to turn over to the local license office renewal cards which the Post Office has been unable to deliver. Anyone failing to receive an application card may possibly find it at the local license office. "It will take from ten days to two weeks to get application cards from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh," says Miss Greene, and she suggests that those who have not received an application apply to her office as early as possible so that there will be time to get one out of Raleigh if she does not have it.

Motor vehicle owners who have not received their license application cards by Jan. 1st should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "It will take you from ten days to two weeks to get one and you should, therefore, act promptly," says Miss Greene.

## Candles Bring Warm Glow To Winter Holiday Season

In many homes nothing suits the holiday season more than a slow-burning Santa Claus.

Reindeer, dimpled angels, and snowballs can add to the glow.

No matter what its size or shape, the candle, a source of light for countless centuries, rates a place with the Christmas tree and "Auld Lang Syne," the National Geographic Society says.

The traditional light has come a long way since some ingenious ancient discovered that he could coat a fibrous wick with fatty substances and produce a light superior to pitch knots or grease-soaked reeds.

The creative designs of today's candles cover almost every festive occasion. They appear as ice cream sodas, flowers, and clowns. Massive centerpieces carved like giant pillars light banquet tables; delicate tapers shaped like bamboo shoots illuminate more intimate meals.

Ordinary candles brighten some homes every night of the year. "A candle," says

one glowing enthusiast, "is the necktie of home furnishing -- the final, perfecting touch."

Few things in use today are as old as candles. The ancient Greeks made them by dipping papyrus or hemp impregnated with sulphur into liquid tallow or beeswax. The Romans improved the Grecian candles by using solidified oils.

In colonial America, generations of housewives made fragrant candles from bayberries. The waxy green berries grow on bushes throughout New England. An old rhyme says:

"Bayberry candles  
Burned to the socket  
Bring joy to the house  
And gold to the pocket."

Candles have long been used in rituals and ceremonies. The Old Testament mentions both candles and candlesticks. Present-day churches are the largest institutional users in the United States.

While candles traditionally are associated with religious worship, many

superstitions have leapt from the flickering light. If a flame burns blue, there is a ghost in the house. A spark signifies that a letter is coming to the person sitting nearest the flame.

Candles have been turned to uses other than lighting. England's King Alfred the Great (849-899) ordered the manufacture of timekeeping tapers sized to burn in 24 hours. A thin horn shield protected the flickering clock against air currents.

In both England and the American colonies, the saying "sale by the inch of a candle" signified an auction at which people could bid until a bit of candle burned out.

Modern machines speed the work that early craftsmen knew so well, but some chandlers still hand-dip or mold the finest candles. Unlike the candlemakers of old, however, modern craftsmen use special ingredients -- excellent waxes, paraffin, and stearic acid -- to produce a candle that is odorless, dripless, and smoke-free.

## Thefts Reported

Thieves broke into Conoly's Esso station last week and stole the tools to break open the safe in McNair's Cleaners.

The thefts were discovered at 12:15 last Thursday morning by city policeman Chester Price as he was on patrol.

According to Raeford Police Chief James Lamont, a window at the service station was pried open. Tools taken from the station were found near the ruined safe in the cleaners, he said.

There was no sign of forcible entry into the cleaners, Lamont said, but the back door was broken from the inside. The safe door was torn open.

Ivory McNair, owner of the cleaners, estimated that about \$150 was in the safe at the time of the theft, Chief Lamont said.

Drink machines at McKoy Maxwell's garage were rifled the same night, he reported.

## Region N Gets Funds

Region N Council of Governments has been awarded \$13,333 from the Department of Housing and Urban

Development.

The planning agency coordinates activities of county and municipal governments in Bladen, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties.

The funds are to be used to assist regional planning activities in the less populous sub-state regions. Primary emphasis is placed upon the improvement and strengthening of local government, the development of local resources and policies; and the implementation of services and plans, according to Dr. W.L. Turner, secretary of administration, who announced the grant.

A total of \$112,000 was allocated to nine nonmetropolitan regional planning agencies by HEW.

## Breakins In County

Several breakins have been reported to the sheriff's department during the past week.

The Tastee Freeze on 401 bypass was reported entered during the night on Dec. 15. About \$250 and six cartons of chewing gum were reported missing. Owner Lavern May has offered a reward for information leading to arrest and conviction in the crime.

Also on Dec. 15, the Stanley Adcox service station in Dundarrach was found open by deputies on patrol. The front door had been pried open but nothing was reported missing.

The Archie Clark store on Rockfish (See BREAKINS, Page 7)