

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The United Fund drive moved closer to its goal this week when Burlington Worsteds Plants reported a figure of \$8652.96. If you will read the article elsewhere in this issue, you will see that this is over 50% of what has been raised. The campaign has been without a drive chairman, but most of the people and firms have done an excellent job anyway.

In the United Fund article you will read that Knit-Away was unable to get their drive underway. We would like to remind any employee of that firm that they can contribute to the drive by mailing a check to United Fund, Box 550, Raeford.

There are many individuals throughout the county who haven't contributed and the directors ask that they do so as soon as possible so that the goal can be reached.

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Paul Soloman, unit president of the Raeford - Hoke County Heart Fund, would like to remind everyone that February is Heart Month.

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Raz Autry, tournament chairman at the Arabia Golf Course, stated Tuesday that thirty teams had signed up for the Valentine Tournament which will be played on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13. He also said that the committee would like to have at least ten more teams to enter the event. So if you like tournament golf send in your application to Raz Autry, so the committee can complete their plans.

The only rule is that your guest cannot be a member of the club.

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The editor of this paper said Monday that he was going to change his name to Smith. It seems that the editor and his son, Paul III, are both well known over the state, and when one makes the news, there is always a mix-up as to which Paul it is. Governor Scott appointed the editor to the Air and Water Resources Commission last week and when it was reported in the daily paper the description given was that of Paul III.

Of course this wouldn't happen in many families, but as related above, both of the Pauls are well known in North Carolina.

So if you think that your son will be famous during your lifetime, give him a name other than yours. A junior or the III could get you in a mix-up also.

# Judge Orders Mistrial For Scott; Probe Of Jury Tampering Ordered

## Voter Drive A Success

The voter registration drive at South Hoke School last Saturday was a "tremendous success," according to Scott Poole, chairman of the county board of elections.

During the special session 212 new voters were added to the county rolls. Of these 187 registered as Democrats, 23 as Republicans and two as independents, he said.

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## Bounds Charged With Falsifying Bank Records

C.D. Bounds, former vice president of Southern National Bank here, was charged last week by the FBI with making false entries on bank records.

He appeared before the U.S. Magistrate, Walter Cashwell, in Laurinburg last Thursday and was released under a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

The charge will be considered by the federal grand jury in Greensboro when it meets in mid-February.

He is accused of making false entries on a note in excess of \$1,900. If convicted, the offense carries a maximum penalty of not more than five years in prison, or a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Bounds, who joined Southern National in 1960, assumed management of the Raeford branch in 1964. He resigned in early November after what bank officials termed "problems" were discovered. An audit was conducted then. Bounds has been a radio announcer here since he left the bank.



LANDFILL OPENING - T.C. Jones, chairman of the county commissioners, cuts the ribbon to open the city-county sanitary landfill Monday. With him are (from left) M.R. Mills, county sanitarian; John D. Gaddy, city manager and T.B. Lester, county manager. The landfill is open to the public during the week from 8-5 and on Saturday from 8-12.

## United Fund Nears Goal With Burlington Effort

The highly successful drive at Burlington Industries last week put the United Fund within sight of its goal.

Burlington workers in the two plants donated a total of \$8,652.96, almost half the Fund goal of \$18,171.11. The Dye plant turned in \$2,356.15 and the Raeford plant contributed \$6,296.81.

The Fund now totals \$16,671.91 -- or \$1,500 short of its goal.

Sam Morris, Fund treasurer said he expected the goal to be reached.

"There are enough people who still haven't contributed that could take it over the top," he said.

Another large contribution during the week came from Raeford Turkey Farms for a total of \$912.60.

McCain workers donated a total of \$468.10.

Most of the large industries have now reported, Morris said, but many of the merchants and individual contributors still have envelopes out.

Knit-Away, Inc. will not participate in the community drive this year, according to Steve Clutter, personnel manager at the plant and a director of the United Fund.

The Fund provides revenue for a dozen agencies in the county. Included in these are most of the organizations for Hoke County young people, as well as the county recreation program. If the goal is met this year, the Girl Scouts will receive

\$3,000 and the Boy Scouts will receive a total of \$4,500. This money is spent primarily on council fees for the two organizations.

The county 4-H Clubs will be given a total of \$937 for their program this year and the community recreation program will get \$500 to supplement city and county funds.

Other programs that benefit children here include the Crippled Children's Fund, and a fund for needy school

children.

Other community agencies that depend on the United Fund are the Hoke County Rescue Squad, the senior citizens clubs, the community development fund, the Red Cross, the White Cane and Carolina United, which includes national organizations such as the USO.

The goal this year is less than that of last year, reflecting a reduction in such things as the recreation fund.

## Grand Jury Recommends Repairs At Hoke Schools

The Hoke County grand jury recommended repairs at two county schools in a report to Superior Court Judge Edward B. Clark after touring several of the schools and the jail.

At McLaughlin School, the grand jurors noted that the hall ceiling and the door on the north side of the building needed repairs. They recommended that the bathrooms be deodorized.

The lunch room was in good condition, according to the report.

Upchurch School contains almost

twice the number of students it was designed for, the report says.

"This school has facilities for 700 students but has an enrollment of 1350. The school shows a definite need for enlargement and the addition of more bathroom facilities."

The grand jury found electrical fixtures with exposed wires in one bathroom at Upchurch and also noted that the water from leaking pipes stood on the floor.

"In the eighth grade boys bathroom,

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A mistrial was declared by Judge Edward B. Clark in the Johnny Scott - Freddie Revels trial in Superior Court Tuesday and Joe Scott, father of one of the defendants, is under investigation for tampering with the jury.

A special venire will be selected from another county to hear the case during the April term.

Judge Clark made his ruling just after the lunch recess after questioning Joe Scott.

Scott said he did buy lunch at Coles for one of the jurors, R. B. Upchurch, but denied speaking to him about the case or making any threats. He said he did not know that Upchurch was serving on the jury that was to try his son.

"He was trying to get his lunch on credit and I felt sorry for him and bought it," Scott told the judge. "I don't know where you got your news, Judge, but I sure didn't say anything to him."

Judge Clark ordered Upchurch withdrawn from the case and declared a mistrial. Johnny Scott and Revels are accused of the theft of about \$8,000 worth of golf equipment from Arabia Golf Course last August.

District Solicitor Jack Thompson moved that the case be heard in April by a special venire from another county, and the judge granted the motion despite the objections of defense counsel Chub Seawell.

"As for you, Mr. Scott," Judge Clark said, "This matter is under investigation. You will not be held at this time but I do not know what will be the outcome of this investigation. I say this to you, that any intimidations or any threats to Mr. Upchurch will be noted."

Sheriff D. M. Barrington said that his department was conducting an investigation to see if any warrants should be drawn for jury tampering.

The selection of the jury occupied most of the morning Tuesday and 22 prospective jurors were excused by the defense and the prosecution before the jury was agreed upon. After the jury was empaneled, the court was recessed for lunch.

The Scott - Revels case was brought directly to the grand jury in November without the usual preliminary hearing, partly in an effort to prevent intimidation of witnesses.

## Class Of '36 Plans Reunion

Even though they don't have any records to prove it, the Hoke High Class of 1936 did graduate and they are planning a class reunion in April to commemorate the event.

Mrs. Louise Sawyer, who is in charge of the project, said that because of the lack of records, she is having difficulty in getting a list of the graduates for that year.

The county board of education, for some reason, does not have any record on that class, she said. And the 1936 volume of The News-Journal, which would contain a list of the graduates, is also missing, general manager Sam Morris said.

Mrs. Sawyer said that the 1936 class was the first class to graduate from the new high school building, which is now Raeford Elementary School. It was also the last class that was allowed to graduate at the end of the eleventh grade, she said.

Some of the students returned the next year to the twelfth grade and were listed with the graduates of 1937 while others who took some senior courses that year were not listed as graduates.

Mrs. Sawyer asked that anyone who had information on the 1936 class to notify her.

## Dickson Is Appointed To Water, Air Board

Paul Dickson, editor and publisher of The News - Journal, was appointed to the Water and Air Resources Board last week by Governor Bob Scott.

Dickson was among five new members appointed by the governor to bring the state's main pollution control agency into line with the changes made by the 1971 General Assembly.

The changes were made by the assembly to prevent conflict - of interest connections by board members and to provide for more public members. The five new members were appointed to fill the places of members whose terms expired July 1 and who were not reappointed due to the new state law.

Named to the board in addition to Dickson are Prof. James Wallace of Chapel Hill; Dr. Rachel Davis of Kinston, a physician and former member of the state General Assembly; Owen R. Braughler of Greensboro, director of environmental health in Guilford County Health Department and D. J. Walker, an Alamance County attorney.

They fill the positions of P. D. Davis of Durham, a consulting engineer; Wayne Mabry of Albemarle, public relations official with Alcoa Aluminum Co.; Glenn Tucker of Carolina Beach and Raleigh, a realtor specializing in resort property; Grady Stevens of Shiloh, a farmer and Nelson Gibson of Gibson.

Among the new members is a conservation activist who has often been at odds with the Water and Air Resources Board. Wallace is president of the Conservation Council of North Carolina. He is serving in one of the five public-at-large positions.

Dr. Davis was appointed to fill the position reserved for a physician and Braughler was named as a person having experience in water and air pollution control activities and being actively connected with a local health board.

Dickson was named as a member knowledgeable in ground water resources and not connected with any industry or political unit that may fall under the

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# Officials Handle Pretend Disaster For Civil Defense

EDITOR'S NOTE: In a civil defense exercise held last week at the Armory, community leaders practiced coping with emergencies during a nuclear disaster.

In an improvised emergency operations center at the Armory last week, we listened as William Lamont, county civil defense director, explained the situation facing the county.

Gathered there were city and county officials, and those who are responsible for directing emergency services for the county, such as the sheriff, police chief, fire chief, public works personnel, a doctor and the health department director, the social services director and others who had been assigned tasks in the simulated emergency training exercise.

In the past few weeks, Lamont told us, international tensions had increased and the border clashes between the Arab states and Israel had been stepped up. On Jan. 16 there were several border clashes between forces of the opposing nations. The next day, all out war was declared by Israel and the Arabs. On Jan. 18, Israel drove deep into Arab territory and the Soviet Union issued a statement that

Israel must withdraw within 24 hours or Russia would intervene. The United States responded with the statement that any intervention would be considered an act of war.

On Jan. 19, a U.S. intelligence ship in the Mediterranean was sunk and we retaliated by sinking a Soviet ship. Two days later, Russian paratroopers jumped into Jerusalem and occupied the city and the following day small nuclear weapons were given to the Arabs by Russia.

On Jan. 23, Cairo was destroyed by a nuclear weapon from Israel and all United States armed forces were put on alert.

At this point, Lamont told us, the county had begun preparing for a possible attack. The schools were closed on Jan. 24 and all public employees were put on alert. Citizens were advised to prepare for a possible attack and public shelters were readied for use. Food and water was stockpiled and telephones were installed in shelters without phone service. All public works, fire departments and other emergency workers were alerted.

It was now 2:45 p.m. on Jan. 16. A message was delivered to the executive

table, at which were seated the county commissioners, the mayor, school superintendent, information officer and state representative, that the Governor had ordered Opoon 2.

This meant that an attack was considered imminent and all emergency plans were to be begun. Immediately, the city and county governments issued a warning to all residents to move to the public shelters located in Raeford, McCain and Leonard School.

At 3 p.m. the message came that the United States was under attack. Reports of a nuclear explosion were received and radiological workers Joe Jenkins and Franklin Teal located the blast between Ellerbe and Mt. Gilead and began plotting fallout arrival times.

About that time, those who were providing emergency services were swamped. The requests for action ranged from a water main broken in Raeford to a riot and panic. A traffic jam to the public shelters developed, and in the meantime 200 students at Upchurch School had to be evacuated.

The turkey plant collapsed, trapping

about 150 workers and radiation levels became critical. An Army transport plane was reported to have crashed but there was no help available.

A message was received from Fayetteville saying that persons there were breaking into private homes and taking food and clothing. That sort of thing didn't develop to any great extent here but crime went on as usual with several breaks and an armed robbery.

Too many people came to the shelters in Raeford located at the courthouse, the downtown churches, the post office, the armory, the turkey farm, Upchurch Feed Mill, Southern National Bank, and Burlington Mill. Shelter coordinator W.T. McAllister had to get them transferred to Leonard School or the Sanatorium before radiation levels stopped all outside movement.

A Trailways bus wrecked near McCain but by then radiation levels were too great to attempt rescue work. City and county officials ordered all rescue operations stopped.

It was a little after 4 p.m. Jim Stegall, civil defense extension

instructor from Chapel Hill, stopped the training problem then and we talked about some of the things we had learned during the training.

Stegall stressed that although a nuclear attack had been used in the problem, the training could apply to any disaster.

Perhaps the main need pointed up in the exercise, Lamont said, was the lack of a county wide communications network. In most emergencies, telephones service would be disrupted, and telephones are about the only means of communications in the county. The radios at the police department and the sheriff's department are not linked, nor are other services linked by radio. And the commercial emergency broadcast system that is designed to give information to the public is in Fayetteville.

Lamont also noted that the courthouse basement, which is designated as an emergency operations center from which rescue work recovery work would be directed, is unusable.

The county was found to have a reserve of persons who had received medical self-help training since the

course is taught in high school each year, however training for rescue workers in radiation detection was requested.

Taking part in the exercise were James Lamont, Leonard Wiggins, D.M. Barrington, Harvey Young, Monroe Williams, Crawford Thomas, Neil A. McDonald, W.E. McNeill, Randall Ashburn, W.C. Sellers, Malburn Edge, James E. Chappel, William Charles, Miss Mabel McDonald, Gilbert Hettich, M.R. Mills, Dr. R.M. Jordan, W.T. McAllister, William McDonald, Joe Jenkins, Franklin Teal, T.B. Lester, Jr., William Lamont, T.C. Jones, John Balfour, Ralph Barnhart, J.A. Webb, John K. McNeill, Bennie McLeod, H.E. Garrison, Rep. Neil L. McFadyen, Charles Morrison, Laurie Telfair, C.P. Kinlaw, D.D. Abernethy, G.R. Autry, Tom Burgess, Wendell S. Young, J.D. Soles, Roger Dixon, Jimmy F. Miller, George T. Carper, Billy Barefoot and Chester Beasley.

Simulators who directed the pretend emergencies were Palmer Wilcox, Scott Poole, C.R. Clark, Plummer Locklear, Ralph Dodge, Jerry Goza and J.D. McAllister.