

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The Jefferson - Jackson dinner was held in Raleigh last Saturday with many Democrats attending. The affair this year was very lively because of the great number of candidates that are seeking office. It seemed that each candidate had a goodly number of young ladies in "hot pants" guiding the office seeker through the Sir Walter and singing a campaign song.

Pat Taylor, Skipper Bowles and Hec McGeachey seemed to have the largest number of young ladies and they attracted much attention during the day. We suspect that they tired out some of the candidates.

Anyway, it was a nice affair and raised much money for the State Democratic party.

Last week a gentleman came into the office to get some printing done. After a discussion over how many copies and the price he said, "Charlie when can I pick up the printing?"

Now most of the citizens of Hoke County know that the writer of this column is Sam Morris, born and raised here. This is what we have always suspected too, but in the past year it would seem that Charlie Morrison writes this column and sells printing and ads for the Dickson Press and that Sam Morris is Postmaster. How this came about is hard to figure.

Recently Charlie was in the Home Food Market and a man came up to him and asked that he print the same number of cards for a certain church as he did last year. Charlie said, to save embarrassment to the man he continued to talk with him until some other folks around became a little curious about him selling printing. This week a lady told him in the post office not to stop her paper; that she would pay her subscription in a couple of days.

The phone rang at the Morris home recently and a young man asked to speak to his mother. The lady said that she never had the wrong number he said that she was playing bridge there. It so happened that my wife was playing bridge at a certain house in town (that's right) Charlie Morrison's. The young man got to talk to his mother by calling the Morrison residence.

But to cap the whole thing was when my wife went to the bank and they deposited her check to the account of Charlie Morrison. We were both upset, Charlie and myself, at the end of the month when we received our bank statements.

Now every Monday morning Charlie checks with Sam or vice versa to see if they have done anything over the weekend to hurt one another.

Now an doesn't believe the above can do with Charlie Morrison at the post office or can ask J.H. Austin who is also mistaken for Morrison occasionally.

Anyway we couldn't be mixed up with any nicer fellow.

Our best wishes to our Raeford bowlers who will be journeying to Raleigh Sunday for the N. C. Bowling Championship tournament. League President Tom Walker says that Raeford Merchants are invited to help defray expenses with a nominal contribution. If you didn't receive a letter, you may drop your donation here at The News - Journal office. Make check payable to Raeford Merchants' Bowling League.

## Man Awarded \$750 For False Arrest

A man who was charged by a Raeford merchant with issuing a worthless check was awarded \$750 in Superior civil court last week for "abuse of process."

Robert Harrell was ordered to pay Carl Taylor after it was found that Harrell falsely accused Taylor of being the maker of a check that was returned for insufficient funds. Taylor cashed a

## Hoke Singers 'Superior'

Hoke High's chorus and chorale were the only groups to receive a superior rating at the Southeastern Regional Choral Festival held last Friday in Wilmington.

Singers from some 15 schools competed in the district contest at the University of North Carolina campus there. Among the schools included were Laurinburg - Scotland, Pine Forest, Cape Fear, Terry Sanford, Clinton, Rose Hill, Hoggard, New Hanover, Hamlet, and Rockingham.

About 122 students from Hoke High sang at the festival. The chorus and chorale are directed by Mrs. Neill A. McNeill.

# Control Measures Begun For Cholera



## Fund Boost

The United Fund inched closer to its goal this week with a contribution from the Samuel Leonard School.

William R. Windley, director, turned in approximately \$117 Tuesday to Fund treasurer Sam Morris.

The county fund drive is slightly less than \$400 from its goal.

## Stores Robbed

Two stores in the county were broken into, Deputy Harvey Young reported this week.

Robert Parks' store on NC 211 near McCain was entered after a hole was bored through the floor with a brace and bit. Tobacco products and watches totaling \$400 were taken.

The Puppy Creek Grocery was entered last Friday night after a hole was bored through the roof, Young said. Cigars, cigarettes and other items totaling \$325 were reported taken.

## Three Win In District

Three contestants from Raeford won first prize in the district fine arts festival held last Saturday at Sandhill's Community College.

They will compete in the state contest sponsored by the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs at Meredith College on March 25.

Cathy Currie will compete in the student vocal division, after winning first place in the district. Adult winners from Raeford are Mrs. Gladys Braicy with a lyric poem "Spring" and Mrs. Helen Clark with a woven bag in the miscellaneous class.

Other local contestants who won awards in the district competition are Joanna Best, art; Mrs. J.B. McLeod, floral arranging; Mrs. Rural Warner, textiles; Mrs. Alene Wright, crochet with pattern; Miss Ethelynde Ballance, needle point; Mrs. J.C. McLean, crewl and knitting and Miss Brenda Abrams, decoupage.

## 97 Register

The Saturday voter registration drive at Hoke High added 97 more voters to the county's books to bring the total almost to 6,000.

Scott Poole, chairman of the county board of elections, said that as of March 4, there were 5,989 persons registered to vote here.

During last Saturday's registration, 93 Democrats signed up. Two Republicans and two independents were also registered.

Grouping the new voters by race, Poole said that three Indians, 29 Negroes and 65 whites registered.

## Get Shots

The combined measles vaccine was given to 2,200 Hoke County school children in a two - day drive to eradicate red measles and German measles.

The vaccine will be given to pre - school children ages 1 to 6, during a special clinic Sunday at the health center. The shots will be given from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

payroll check from Geiser Industries at Harrell's grocery store and was arrested several weeks later after the check was returned by the bank. He was found not guilty of issuing a worthless check by district court Judge Joseph Dupree last July.

Taylor had asked for \$2,500 in actual damages and \$25,000 in punitive damages.

In a damage suit by Fred Holloman against Johnny Farmer stemming from an auto accident, it was found that both parties were negligent and no damages were awarded.

A restraining order was continued in the long - standing feud between A.H. Smith and David Probst granting Probst access to his property. The court found that Probst was entitled to right of way to his property and Smith was given until the civil court session of April 24 to lay out a reasonable path of access.

Judge James M. Long presided over the one week annual session.

## Taxi Driver Is Robbed

A taxi driver was robbed at gunpoint Friday night but part of the money was recovered by a large Doberman Pincher dog.

Bert Hankins was robbed near North Raeford Fire Department by a fare he



JOKES - Posing beside his 24 - foot campaign bus, Nick Galifianakis jokes with spectators and campaign workers who were out of camera range. With him are Mrs. Barbara Jones (left) and Mrs. Frankie Seals (right).

# Landfill Operation Is Poor Mills Tells Commissioners

The city - county landfill is being poorly operated, using up both land and money at a rapid pace, county sanitarian M.R. Mills told the county commissioners Monday.

The problems stem from two areas, he said. First, the equipment for compacting the loads as they are dumped is inadequate and second, industries are dumping during the weekend when no landfill workers are on the job to direct

the dumping and compact the loads, Mills said.

He explained that the two - year - old bulldozer owned by the city has been broken much of the time the landfill has been in operation. Thus, it has been impossible for each load to be compressed as it is dumped and as a result, the trenches have been filled more rapidly than expected.

One trench, which cost the city -

# Landfill Operation OK City Manager Maintains

While there are some problems at the landfill, the overall operation is running well and has been commended by the state health department, city manager John Gaddy said.

"Fred Wood (from the state health department) was down here just two or three days after we started the second trench and he patted us on the back and said we were doing a good job," Gaddy said.

The main problems have been equipment breakdown and rain, he said. The city's bulldozer has not operated as it should and has been repaired several times since the landfill opened. Gaddy said he was going to Greensboro, where the machine was purchased, to try to get some satisfactory maintenance. The machine has been returned twice in the last few weeks to Greensboro for repairs and is still not operating properly.

Several days of rain hampered the landfill operation when the facility first opened, causing some of the trucks to dump over the side of the trench to keep from getting stuck, he said, but since then, dumping has been done properly.

M.R. Mills, county sanitarian, appeared before the county commissioners Monday and told them the landfill was not being operated properly. The equipment was inadequate and dumping was being allowed when landfill workers were not there to supervise and compact the material, he said.

He recommended that off - hours dumping be halted and that an additional piece of equipment to use as a backup be purchased.

Gaddy disputed both recommendations.

## Driver Hurt In Wreck

The elderly driver of a car involved in an accident in the city Monday evening was hospitalized and three other persons received minor injuries in the collision at Adams and East Central Avenue.

Mrs. J.D. Tapp was taken to Moore County Hospital with a gash on her head, according to the police report. Mrs. Lucile Parker, the driver of the other vehicle, Willie Edward Murchison and Parle McLean, all of Red Springs, were all treated and released with minor injuries.

county nearly \$1,000 to dig, has been filled in the first three weeks of operation and another, costing about \$700 is more than a third filled after one week of use, he said.

Mills recommended that an auxiliary bulldozer be put at the landfill as a backup and that dumping not be allowed when landfill workers are not on duty.

Mills also showed the commissioners a sample of a printed paper sack that could be used for bagging rat poison and the board voted to return to the old system of giving away poison.

The bags, which will cost about \$15 for 5,000, contain all the labeling information required by law, Mills said. He said that there had been little demand for the poison under the newly adopted rodent control program of selling poison at cost.

Commissioner J.A. Webb told the board that he didn't think the new program to sell poison would ever be successful after so many years of giving poison away. The board approved unanimously John Balfour's motion to return to the free program.

County farm agent, Wendell Young and home agent, Mrs. Ellen Willis reported to the board on the month's activities before going to Raleigh for the annual agents' conference.

Young told the commissioners that 1,200 - 1,400 hogs have been killed already due to hog cholera and that the eastern half of the county is under strict quarantine.

Mrs. Willis reported that an inter - agency council has been formed in the (See MILLS, Page 11)

# County Quarantine Slaughter Underway

By W.S. Young, County Extension Agent

Hog cholera has been diagnosed on the James Potter farm on Rt. 2, Raeford. There had been some sickness in the herd in early February but it had been diagnosed as pneumonia from two different sources.

The animals continued to die and other animals were sent to the state laboratory at the N.C. Department of Agriculture in Raleigh. Before definite identification could be made, approximately 200 head had died.

A quarantine was established and 600 others were disposed of on this farm. In addition, all hogs within a one mile radius of this farm are being killed to stop the spread. A large herd on the James Hendrix, Jr. farm was one of these. Some herds belonging to Luther Locklear, Albert McLean, Claude J. Posey and others will be disposed of also. The Department of Agriculture will appraise and pay the farmer for these hogs that have to be disposed of.

At the present time, no movement of feeder hogs are allowed in the eastern half of the county. This includes a line along the entire length of Highway 211 and around the county line on the eastern side. Top hogs can be moved by obtaining a permit from the state veterinarian.

Contact can be made by calling the county agent's office at 875-3461 or by calling Fayetteville 483-2621 and asking to talk to the veterinarian in room 151.

No swine are to be moved within a farming operation unless it is approved by the vets.

We hope that all people will cooperate until this crisis is over and the quarantine has been lifted. Farmers with sick hogs should report them as no reimbursements will be made for animals that have died before the veterinarian visits the farm.

It is very unfortunate that this case occurred as North Carolina would have been declared free of cholera on July 1. Now they must go an entire year again with no new cases.

# State Is Quarantined

RALEIGH - Hog cholera discovered in Hoke County, last week has resulted in a state - wide quarantine of swine, effective at midnight March 3.

The sole exemptions from the quarantine are for swine moving to immediate slaughter and limited other movement allowed under special permit from the state veterinarian, Dr. T.F. Zweigart. Questions concerning special movement such as breeder sales, exhibition animals and farm - to - farm movement within ones own farming operation should be directed to the state veterinarian's office in Raleigh or to a State or Federal animal health regulatory official.

"We sincerely hope this will be a short quarantine," Dr. Zweigart said, "but its length will be determined by the source of the Hoke County case and whether there are other problems."

"I commend all involved for their cooperation in the effort to eradicate hog cholera and expect the same support during this temporary setback."

"Hog Cholera eradication is an expensive program but it is very economical when compared with the cost of hog cholera vaccinations and deaths when the disease was rampant," continued Dr. Zweigart.

"The full efforts of State and Federal Veterinary officials are now employed to isolate this case and to remove the quarantine at the earliest possible date."

# Ann Upchurch Is Finalist

Miss Upchurch has been selected as a finalist for Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro after competing in district competition recently.

She will go to Greensboro campus

March 20 for interviews with the central scholarship committee.

The Reynolds scholarships are patterned after the Morehead program at Chapel Hill. Along with academic excellence, a Reynolds scholar is expected to make a distinctive contribution to the university. The award is based on merit alone.

Miss Upchurch is president of the National Honor Society at Hoke High, and is co - editor of the school yearbook this year. She was co - chief of the marshals at graduation last year, has been a member of the student council for two years and was a member of the Homecoming Court this year.

She is a cheerleader, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Pep Club, Future Teachers of America, the Senior Hall of Fame, the chorale, French Club, Monogram Club and the senior executive committee. She has won the French II award and the typing I award.

She teaches Sunday School at South Hoke Baptist Church and directs the primary choir at Raeford United Methodist Church, where she is also a member of the Methodist Bell Choir.



Ann "Missy" Upchurch