

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The weather over the past weekend has been perfect for the golfers and anyone else who wanted to be outside. Monday the mercury was in the eighties, but Tuesday an overcast was bringing a few drops of rain. As usual most people expect a cold snap around Easter, which is only a little over two weeks away.

Daylight Saving Time will start in about six weeks, so time is marching on.

Frank Teal, manager of the Raeford Savings and Loan Association, was telling us the other day that the assets of the association were now over 4 million dollars. The Bank of Raeford showed in its January statement of condition assets of over 8 million dollars. What the assets of Southern National are in Raeford we don't know at this time. The assets of the other two financial institutions show a steady growth each year. All of this can't be blamed on inflation either.

The NCAA Tournament that moves to Morgantown, W. Va., on Thursday will pit UNC against USC. It will be the first meeting of these two teams this year. Of course most of the people in Hoke County will be pulling for UNC; a few will not. Three that come to mind are Bob Gentry, Palmer Wilcox and the Rev. John Ropp.

Now Bob and Palmer can head for the coast if South Carolina gets beat, but the Rev. Mr. Ropp will be expected to fill the pulpit at the Raeford Presbyterian Church. So either way, go to church Sunday and see what effect the ball game has on the pastor.

The United Fund is still receiving an envelope occasionally from the businesses that haven't turned in the drive. If you happen to run across cards at your business, send them to The News - Journal office and we think that the goal can be reached.

This is Girl Scout Week and a page advertisement appears in this paper stating a few things about the scouts. Read the ad and be thankful for the leaders of these young people. They are devoting time and effort to keep these young girls involved in something useful. The energy of young people must be used up in one way or the other and the correct way is an organized program with responsible leadership like the scouts, church groups and recreation programs.

We offer our congratulations to all Girl Scouts during this week.

A 4-ball golf tournament will be held at the Arabia Golf Club on Saturday, March 25. If you want to play in the tournament get in touch with Raz Autry or Joe Upchurch for complete details. Raz stated that this would be the last club tournament for a few months. So get three other golfers and join the fun on March 25.



UNITED THEY STOOD - The Black Panthers and the Ku Klux Klan traded roles and racial stereotypes during a "Consolidation of the KKK and the Black Panthers" in goof-off days last week at the high school. (Photo by Eddie Inman)

Special Jury To Hear Scott Case March 27

Another special session of Superior Court has been scheduled here for the week of March 27, with jurors from Cumberland County set to hear the Arabia Golf Club robbery cases.

The special venire was ordered after a mis-trial was declared in January following allegations that Joe Scott attempted to influence a juror chosen to hear the cases against his son Johnny.

R.B. Upchurch reported to the Superior Court judge Edward Clark that Scott had bought his lunch for him shortly after the jury was chosen and had recessed for lunch break.

Johnny Scott, with Tommie Brewer, Jr., Freddie Revels, Jr. and Doran Romano, is accused of stealing about \$8,000 in golf equipment from the Arabia golf club last summer.

The trial is set first on the calendar on March 27 with Judge Robert M. Martin of High Point presiding.

Also scheduled for trial that day is the case concerning the armed robbery at Burlington Charged with that robbery are Elaine Hartman Spencer, Johnnie Leon Spencer, Linda Locklear Cox, Boyd L. Cox, Jr., Don W. Thomas, Calvin McLean Jackson and Anna Grace Jackson.

Other cases scheduled that day are Charles Wesley Bullard, who is charged with murder; and Lannie Ray Tyler, who is charged with larceny, robbery and non

-support.

Cases set for Tuesday include John Wayne Locklear, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Walter Chaney, John Patterson and J.C. Lindsey, all charged with larceny; Glen Locklear, charged with robbery and Gus Locklear, Jr., who is appealing a DUI conviction.

Appeals of traffic law convictions in district court are set for Wednesday. On the calendar are James Samuel Edwards, DUI; Tommy Oldham, DUI, third offense, no financial responsibility, improper registration and driving while his license was revoked; Tim Randall Cox, DUI, second offense, James Quincy Lewis, DUI, second offense; Curtis Truman Jacobs, DUI, no driver's license; James Melvin Toomer, DUI, second offense and William Herbert Poche, Jr., speeding 80 in a 60 mph zone and DUI.

Cases set for Thursday include James Clayton Locklear, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; Laverne McMillan, charged with housebreaking and larceny; Paul McNeill, Jr., accused of breaking, entering and larceny; James Earl Collins, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; Alphonsa Davis, charged with assault; L.B. Jacobs, charged with trespass and Curtis Drake, Sr., charged with DUI, third offense.

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Youths Charged With Brutal Slaying

★★★★★★★★★★ Bloodmobile Here Today

Hoke County is right on schedule with its blood drives this year and Clyde Upchurch, chairman of the county blood program, hopes to keep it that way with a successful drive today.

The Bloodmobile will be at Raeford United Methodist Church from 12 until 5:30.

About 100 pints are needed to keep the county up to its quota and prevent the need for another make-up drive in June, like the one that was required last year to keep the county in the program.

"Blood usage has been unusually heavy this winter," Upchurch said. "We used more than 30 pints in January in the hospitals around this area."

Reports for February are not complete but in Scotland Memorial Hospital alone, county residents used 16 pints of blood, he said.

Upchurch urged donors to participate in the drive today.

Two youths -- one a high school student here -- have been charged with the murder of Stanley Adcox, who was found stabbed and bludgeoned in the driveway of an Arabia community home last Thursday morning.

James Roy McGougan, 16, of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge and Glenn Cummings, 21, of Rt. 2, Raeford, were arrested Friday morning and are being held until for a preliminary hearing in district court Friday.

According to Hoke County Sheriff D.M. Barrington, Adcox was found at 11 a.m. Thursday in the driveway of Mrs. Lilly McDougald's home by John McGougan, who was driving by.

Adcox, 51, had been brutally beaten and was stabbed twice in the chest, sheriff said. Several bloodstained items, apparently taken from the murder scene, were found near the body.

According to the medical examiner, Adcox died of multiple skull fractures. He had been dead for several hours when his body was discovered, the sheriff said.

McGougan and Cummings both live in the Arabia area, not far from Adcox's father, Lee Adcox, the sheriff said. McGougan, a 10th grade student at Ho High, was arrested at the high school Friday and Cummings was arrested at the pulpwood yard where he is employed.

The SBI has been asked to assist in the investigation, the sheriff said.

Funeral services for Adcox were held Saturday at Sandy Grove Methodist Church by the Rev. Berry Barbour. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his father, Lee Adcox; of Arabia; three sisters, Mrs. Leslie Irion, Sr., Mrs. J. C. Barnes and Mrs. A. F. Bristow, all of Arabia; and a brother, Gilbert Adcox of Hope Mills.

Bounds Put On Probation After Guilty Plea Monday

C. D. Bounds, Jr. was placed on probation for five years after pleading guilty Monday in federal court to making false entries on bank records.

He was given a four-year suspended sentence and was fined \$1,000. An embezzlement charge was dismissed by the court.

Bounds, who was vice-president of Southern National Bank here until he resigned in early November, was accused of making out a promissory note for \$1,983.60 in the name of Charles A. and Mary Connell.

In U. S. Middle District Court in Rockingham Monday, according to a report on the trial, an FBI special agent, Lacy M. Walthall, Jr. testified that a loan was made out last Oct. 30 in Connell's name and a check was issued to First Securities Corporation for \$1,983.60 in payment for 1,000 shares of stock purchased by Bounds.

The loan was paid back on Nov. 5, Walthall testified. Bounds resigned from the bank the same day.

Several local residents attended the trial, which lasted a little more than an hour, and testified in Bounds' behalf. Taking the stand as character witnesses were D.D. Abernethy, Raz Autry and

Leonard Frahm, Charlie Hottel, Robert Gatlin and Lonnie Bledsoe attended but did not testify.

Day Care Places Must Register

Anyone who takes care of children on a regular basis for pay must register with the state licensing board by April 1, Miss Mable McDonald, director of the county department of social services, has learned.

Miss McDonald received the information at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference for Social Services.

The day care licensing law went into effect last July but the board was only recently appointed. The county advisory committee for social services will meet

Tuesday at 1:30 to discuss day care licensing.

According to the information given at the conference, any person who keeps children for a fee for more than four hours per day on a regular basis must register with the state licensing board by April 1.

To do this, a letter including the name of the facility, the name of the owner and/or operator, and the capacity of the facility should be sent to the N.C. Child Day Care Licensing Board, Box 1190, Raleigh, 27602.

Man Waiting Trial Charged In Robbery

One of the defendants awaiting trial for the armed robbery last December at Burlington Industries was arrested over the weekend for an armed robbery at a Dundarrach grocery store.

Don Thomas, of Rt. 2, Raeford, is in Hoke County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond pending a preliminary hearing in district court March 24.

He is accused of robbing Henry Miller at Walter Parks store about 9 p.m. last Saturday. A gunman with a stocking over his face entered the grocery store and took about \$300 in cash and a 1961 pickup truck parked outside, Sheriff D.M. Barrington reported.

Part of the money was found in Thomas' shoe after he was arrested, the sheriff said. The truck was also recovered.

Another armed robbery was reported to have occurred at the Big Star Truck Stop Sunday night, the sheriff said.

Harvey A. Chavis, who was operating the truck stop, said he was robbed outside the building by three youths with guns about 8:30 Sunday night. He was returning from Puppy Creek Grocery with bread for the restaurant when he was held up, he told the sheriff.

The boys took about \$40 and Chavis driver's license.

The robbery was not reported until Monday morning.

Two breakins in the county were reported also Monday. A store owned by L.A. Moss on U.S. 501 was entered during the weekend and a safe was robbed at Roy Wood's office at Rt. 3, Raeford. Both thefts were found Monday morning.

The breakins were still under investigation late Tuesday and no arrests had been made.

There Are Some Changes In Raeford Horse Show

The Woman's Club horse show will be a one ring show primarily for Quarter horses this year, Mrs. J.M. Andrews, show chairman, has announced.

The English class will not be held this year because the Raeford show date conflicts with a large horse show in Atlanta which is expected to take most of the English entries.

This year the first 30 classes will be restricted to American Quarter Horse Association registered horses. The final four classes will be open to all horses.

A special local class, limited to Hoke County residents only, will be included among the open classes.

The show will be held at Stanton Farms Stables on 401 by-pass.

In the Quarter horse show, grand and reserve champions will be named in halter class competition for stallions, mares and geldings. There will also be a youth showmanship halter class.

Riding classes will include youth western pleasure, youth western horsemanship, junior western pleasure, junior reining, youth reining, senior western pleasure, senior reining, western riding, all ages, youth western riding, trail horse, all ages, youth bridle path hack, saddle seat, all ages, youth bridle path hack, saddle seat, open western pleasure and open English pleasure.

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Senator Praises Integration Here

Integration in Hoke County schools was singled out for praise by Senator Walter F. Mondale in a recent article in The New Republic, and school superintendent D.D. Abernethy has already received one letter congratulating the school leadership and citizens of the county.

Mrs. Alexander L. Easton of Bayport, N.Y., wrote the following letter:

Dear Sir: My congratulations to you and to the citizens of Hoke County who have made school integration work for your children to their great advantage.

Your fine example was brought to my attention in an article by Senator Mondale in "The New Republic" (3/4/72.) I am impressed with the courageous and effective leadership of your school board.

Sincerely, Annabelle Easton

Here is the text of Sen. Mondale's article:

By Walter F. Mondale

School desegregation is a fact of American educational life. The law of the land is clear, and it will not change. Officially imposed school segregation - whether the result

of state law or covert policy - must be overcome. A unanimous Supreme Court resolved any lingering doubts last April with Chief Justice Burger's decision in *Swan V. Charlotte - Mecklenburg*. A racial balance is not required. All-white or all-black schools may remain after all reasonable steps have been taken. But every reasonable effort must be made to overcome the results of officially approved school segregation: "School authorities should make every effort to achieve the greatest possible degree of actual desegregation..." And reasonable transportation will be required where necessary to defeat the results of racially discriminatory student assignment policies.

We find no basis for holding that the local school authorities may not be required to employ bus transportation as one tool of school desegregation. Desegregation plans cannot be limited to the walk-in school.

There has been legitimate criticism of the process of school desegregation: court orders have at times been arbitrary; student transportation has in a few cases worked unnecessary hardships; some federal administrators have been overbearing and rigid. There

are other equally legitimate criticisms which we have heard less often: thousands of qualified black teachers and administrators have been demoted or dismissed; black children have been subjected to abuse by fellow students, by teachers and by school administrators; the wealthy have fled to suburbs or placed their children in private schools, so that desegregation has affected only the poor.

But we will not answer these criticisms by refusing the federal support needed to make school desegregation educationally successful, or by withdrawing the federal government from enforcement of the 14th Amendment. The choice is not between blind acceptance of "massive busing for racial balance" or total rejection of support for any transportation to achieve school desegregation. Busing is one means - and at times the only - means by which segregation in public education can be reduced. In itself, busing can be either helpful or harmful. It can be the safest, most reasonable way for children to reach integrated schools of high quality. Or it can be used to uproot stable communities and destroy the one chance that parents have to provide the best for their

children. Like the President, I do not support "unnecessary transportation to achieve an arbitrary racial balance," and none of the hundreds of educators with whom I have talked in the past two years supports this kind of effort. The Supreme Court has made it very clear that busing will be required only where it is reasonable and does not place undue burdens on school children; and does not place undue burdens on school children: "Busing will not be allowed to significantly impinge on the educational process." Thus, educationally advantaged students should not be bused to schools where they will be overwhelmed by a majority of students from the poorest and most disadvantaged backgrounds. All the evidence we have collected indicates that this kind of "desegregation" helps no one at all.

But if we bar the use of reasonable transportation as one tool for achieving desegregation, we will set in concrete much school segregation which is the clear and direct product of intentional government policy - segregation which would not exist if racially neutral policies had been followed.

In South Holland, Illinois, for instance, a US district court found public agencies deeply involved in fostering school segregation. The schools were located in the center rather than at the boundaries of segregated residential areas in order to achieve school segregation. School assignment policies were adopted under which black children living nearer to white schools attended black schools, and white children living nearer to black schools, attended white schools. School buses were used to transport students out of their "neighborhoods" in order to achieve segregation. Finally, teachers were assigned on a racial basis. If transportation to achieve desegregation is prohibited, public school segregation in South Holland will continue. The courts have found virtually identical conditions in Norfolk, Virginia; Pasadena, California; Charlotte, North Carolina; Denver, Colorado and countless other communities. Contrary to popular impression, courts have not generally ordered excessive busing or engaged in indiscriminate "racial balancing." The proportion of children riding buses to school in the Deep South is less than

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