

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The pulpit was filled Sunday at the Raeford Presbyterian Church by the Rev. John Ropp, so the defeat of South Carolina didn't get a good man down. We haven't seen Bob Gentry or Palmer Willcox, but understand they are both still in Raeford and working as usual. Anyway UNC will be in California this weekend and may the best team come out on top.

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The following letter was received this week from Rudolph Hendrix who is stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska. You can see what he thinks of the Hoke County Rescue Squad if you will read the following letter.

Dear Mr. Morris,

I was reading The News-Journal from Feb. 17, 1972 that arrived today and I saw where the Rescue Squad has been successful!

I thought I'd put in my "two cents worth" and let the people of Hoke County know how LUCKY they are!

As a former member of the Squad I know what they go through but they never complain. They go no matter what the time of day or night it is! When I was in the Squad I was a junior member and I learned a lot from the Squad members, and they always treated me as their equal. I was never a "pink kid" I was a Squad member and I was proud of it then as I still am! They never said well let's don't call the "Kid" he'll be in the way! On my night of call if the phone rang Bill Parker team leader, Jimmy Riley, Billy Scott team members, or Charles Tew (Squad Commander then) would say "Got a wreck at the Hoke - Red Springs line go to the building."

These men's wives put up with it and they help out! I've been called by a members wife because she wanted to help save time by allowing her husband to be on the way to the wreck or what ever without wasting precious time!

Where I'm stationed at now they have no Rescue Squad, and when you see people pinned in cars and State Troopers doing their best to free the victim for the ambulance service, more people have died while waiting to be freed than I'd care to mention! I offer my training at all accidents I can, but when you have nothing to work with then that's not much good!

The members of Hoke County Rescue Squad carry a first-aid kit in their cars! These men put faith in Hoke County people to buy a station wagon and the people came through! But I wonder how many people have ever stopped one of these men and express "Thanks" for what they do? And then I wonder why, are they ashamed? These men need encouragement! As your column stated these men have seen hard times, I think it's time that people show their "Thanks" in a way that these men and their families should be even prouder to be part of the Squad!

Each time I see an accident I think of these men and their wives and "Thank God" that these people care more for others than they do about themselves! Their wives have to put up with it and yet they are proud of their husbands!

Ending I would just like to say "Right on" to all the men in the Rescue Squad!

Sincerely yours,  
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## Large Entry Expected At Annual Horse Show

There will be Quarter horses and more Quarter horses, with some every - other - kind of horses on the side at the Raeford Woman's Club annual horse show Saturday at Stanton Farms.

This year the show will be in one ring only and the first classes will be restricted to registered Quarter horses. Entries are expected from several states.

Classes in the AQHA show will include halter championships, pleasure classes, reining, bridge path hack and English pleasure. There are 30 classes in the restricted show, which will be judged by Charles Crawley of Albany, Ga.

The first class will begin at 9 a.m. After the Quarter - horse only classes are completed, there will be several classes in which other breeds of horses may be entered.

These include go as you please, English or Western, local pleasure, restricted to Hoke County residents only; three - gated and equitation.

The second ring, which usually features English events, was not scheduled this year because this show date conflicted with another larger show, according to show officials.

Show chairmen are Mrs. J.M. Andrews, Mrs. John Balfour and Mrs. William Moses. Mrs. J.B. McLeod is sponsor

# Landfill Operation Looks Good

## State Man Tells Local Officials

### Blood Quota Not Met

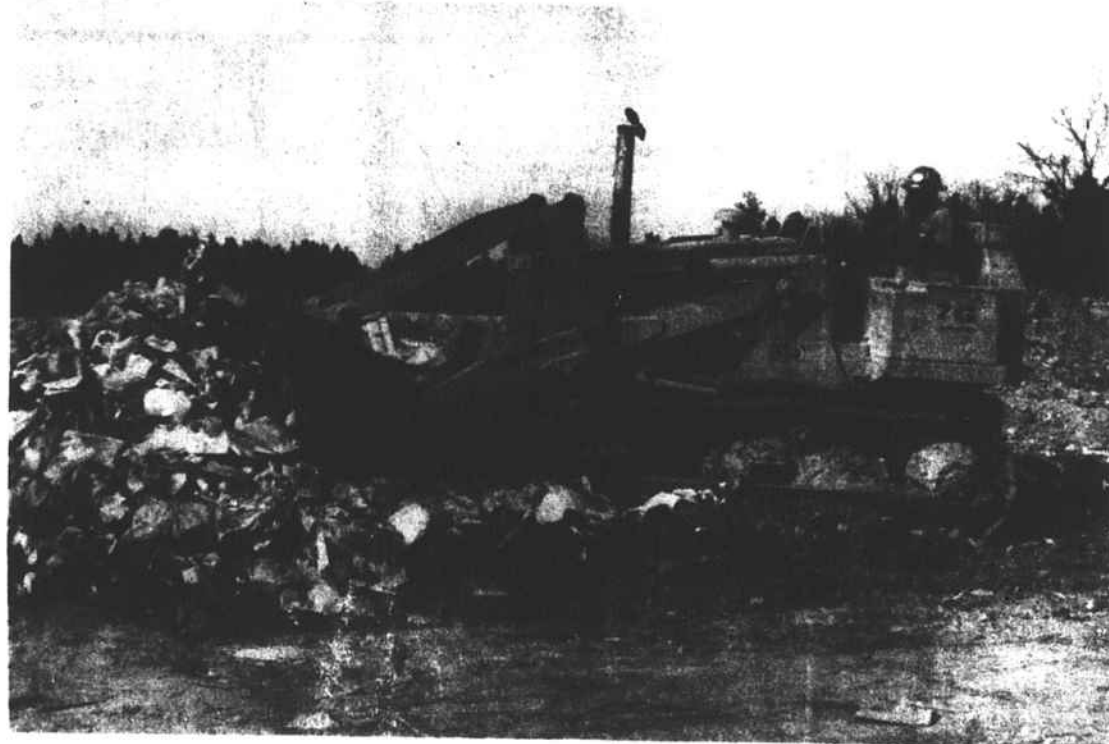
The quarterly Bloodmobile drive netted only half as many pints as needed last week, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., blood drive chairman announced.

A total of 50 pints were collected out of the quarterly quota of 100. Donors this time came mostly from the McCain area, Tex - Elastic and locally, he said, as the blood drive was not emphasized this time at Burlington due to their large participation last time.

"We'll have to have a big push in June to make up our quota for the year," Upchurch said.

However, he said, Knit - Away officials have already notified him that they plan to participate next time with a large number of donors.

Last year, the county had to hold a make - up session in order to stay in the blood program because the donation fell so far behind the county quota.



MOVING MOUNTAINS .....of refuse at the county landfill is the task of Robert Grace, bulldozer operator there. Plagued by repeated equipment breakdown since the landfill opened, the dozer has recently undergone a complete overhaul and a wire screen (not shown) has been installed around the motor and on the underside to keep debris out of the radiator.

### Man Charged In Shooting

Willie Meldrose McNeill of Rt. 1, Raeford was arrested Sunday morning and was charged with shooting Melvin McLaughlin in the arm.

McLaughlin was treated at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington said the shooting took place at the home on 401 by-pass from which McNeill had recently moved.

McNeill is free on \$300 bond pending a hearing in district court. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

## Backhoe Gets Best Of Truck In Wreck

The city's new backhoe collided with a poultry farm truck last week, causing a bent rim on the backhoe and \$3,000 in damages to the truck.

This was one of five traffic accidents investigated in the city during the week, Police Chief James E. Lamont said.

The accident with the backhoe happened about 12:45 on March 15 on Prospect Avenue. According to the wreck report, Wilbur Howard Gaither of Harmony, driver of a Holly Farms poultry truck, attempted to pass the backhoe being driven by Lacy Calvin

Morrissey of Raeford just as Morrissey began a left turn onto Jackson Street. The backhoe was still in its own lane when it was struck, Chief Lamont said.

There were no injuries. Gaither was charged with making an unsafe movement.

A collision at Central Avenue and Roberts Street last Thursday morning resulted in moderate damage to both vehicles and no injuries. According to the wreck report a car driven by Josie Britt Stephens of Raeford was struck on the right rear side by a vehicle operated by Peggy Heath Cook of Raeford. Mrs. Cook was charged with failure to yield right of way.

Two wrecks were investigated last Friday morning. A taxi being driven by Marshall Cherry, Sr. of Rt. 1, Raeford collided with a car being driven by Marcella Rayle Keaton of Raeford at the corner of Prospect and Jackson.

Cherry was driving on Prospect when the Keaton car attempted to cross in front of him, according to the accident report. Mrs. Keaton was charged with failure to yield right of way.

Mrs. Beulah McAllister Breeden of Rt. 1, Raeford struck a truck broadside about 9:15 last Friday morning, coming to a stop with the hood lodged under the truck, Chief Lamont said.

According to the police chief, the truck driven by George Franklin Harris of Elizabethtown drove from Jackson Street in front of Mrs. Breeden as she drove on Central Avenue. No one was injured but Mrs. Breeden's car was a total loss.

Harris was charged with failure to yield right of way.

Two persons were injured in an accident at Main Street and Prospect last Sunday afternoon.

Lester Junior Monroe of Raeford, and William Morrison, a passenger in Monroe's car were taken to Moore Memorial Hospital.

Monroe was driving north on Main Street when a car driven by Leon Hough of Rt. 2, Raeford, made a left turn onto Prospect at the stop light, turning across the path of Monroe's car.

Hough was charged with making an improper left turn.

## Mrs. Leach Ruled Eligible To Run For School Board

Mrs. Sarah Leach is eligible to run for election to the county board of education, the senior attorney of the U.S. Civil Service Commission has confirmed.

Because she is a teacher in a federally-funded course here which is supervised by Sandhills Community College, her eligibility to seek a county office has

been questioned since she filed.

The opinion from the civil service commission conflicts with an opinion given by the state attorney general to Dr. Raymond Stone, president of Sandhills Community College.

George A. Koutras, senior attorney for enforcement at the civil service commission, wrote in a letter March 14: "Under the circumstances, if you are in fact employed by a local educational institution you would not be subject to the provisions of the Hatch Act and would not be prohibited by that statute from running as a candidate in a partisan election."

"The fact that a state receives federal funds for educational purposes and the fact that an employee's salary is paid in part by federal funds is immaterial, for, as explained above (in a section of the law quoted) Congress saw fit to exempt employees of state and local educational agencies from Hatch Act coverage," Koutras wrote.

The section of the law quoted says: "State or local officer or employee means an individual employed by a state or local agency whose principal employment is in connection with an activity which is financed in whole or in part by loans or grants made by the United States or a Federal agency, but does not include... an individual employed by an educational or research institution, establishment, agency, or system which is supported in whole or in part by a State or political subdivision thereof, or by a recognized religious, philanthropic or cultural organization."

In a letter March 10, Dr. Stone advised Mrs. Leach that according to the state attorney general, she would be in violation of the Federal Hatch Act if she ran.

He quoted this paragraph from the attorney general's letter:

### Breakins Reported

Daytime breakins were reported at several homes in the county recently, Sheriff D.M. Barrington said this week.

The homes of Gary Thompson and Mrs. J.M. Pendergrass were robbed during the day on March 12, the sheriff reported. Shotguns were taken from the Thompson home and a television and radio were reported missing from the Pendergrass home.

Seven guns, a pair of binoculars and \$90 in change was stolen from the Rt. 3 home of Horace Walters last Thursday afternoon, the sheriff said.

The guns included two shotguns, two .22 rifles, a eight millimeter rifle, a 30-30 and a carbine.

No arrests have been made.

"As the professor who is paid out of federal funds, it is our view that she would be prohibited under the Federal Hatch Act from seeking office on the Democratic ticket. We would suggest that you contact the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C. for a more authoritative answer since the U.S. Civil Service Commission interprets and administers the Federal Hatch Act."

Mrs. Leach telephoned Koutras last week for a ruling on her status. Her name remains on the ballot as a candidate for the board of education in the May 6 primary.

She is coordinator of the general office clerk's school here funded by Manpower Development Training Act and administered by Sandhills Community College.

Here is the text of Koutras's letter:

Dear Mrs. Leach:

This is in reply to your telephone inquiry of March 13, 1972, asking whether it would be permissible for you to be a candidate for election to a position on a local school board. You stated that the election is a partisan election and in view of the possibility that you are covered by the Hatch Act,

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## Voters Can Register Saturday At Upchurch

Another voter registration drive will be held Saturday at Upchurch Junior High School, Scott Poole, county board of elections chairman announced today.

Registrars will be in one of the temporary buildings on the west side of the school, he said. Registration will begin at 9 and continue until either 5 p.m. or until the prospective voters stop coming, which ever is sooner, he said.

Poole, who estimated that there were now nearly 6,100 voters registered, said that in the past two weeks a large number of young voters had registered. While these were partly college students home from school, most were high school students, he said.

April 7 is the deadline for registering to vote in the May 6 primary. Poole also announced the registrars and judges for the election:

Allendale Precinct: Ms. Willa McLaughlin, Registrar; L. A. McGugan, Judge; Jesse James Locklear, Judge; Polling Place: Allendale Community House.

Antioch Precinct: Herbert Gillis, Registrar; W. L. Gibson, Judge; Henry Lutz, Judge; Polling Place: Antioch Community House.

Blue Springs Precinct: T. Jeff Harris,

Operations at the landfill look good now, an official from the state board of health told the city and county managers Tuesday.

Fred Wood, from the state board of health, inspected the landfill Tuesday morning with county sanitarian M.R. Mills before meeting with local officials. Two weeks ago, Mills had criticized the landfill operation to the county commissioners, saying that the land was not being used properly.

Equipment breakdowns, which have plagued the operation from the start, seem to have been corrected now and another bulldozer is on loan at the landfill for the time being in case of emergencies, Wood commented.

The chief mechanic from E.F. Craven Company in Greensboro, from which the bulldozer was bought two years ago, spent nearly a week in Raeford overhauling the machine and correcting problems of overheating that have kept the dozer inoperative much of the time since the landfill opened, city manager, John Gaddy said. The machine is now surrounded by a wire screen to help keep small plastic bags used at Burlington and Knit-Away from being sucked up by the fan into the machine. Landfill workers have also been instructed in maintenance on the equipment, Gaddy said.

Wood told the group that, in his opinion, they "were definitely over the hump" at the landfill, although he cautioned that there would probably continue to be problems connected with the operation.

He advised local officials to require industries to package refuse so that it would not create problems at the landfill.

"If there is anything that the industries can do to help, they should be obligated to do so," he said.

Industrial waste creates the majority of problems at landfills across the state, Wood said. Locally, one industry dumps almost as much waste in the landfill as the entire city of Raeford. Gaddy said that Knit - Away, Inc. usually dumps 40 cubic yards a day, while the city dumps 64 cubic yards. Other industries do not have quite the volume of waste, as Knit - Away, he said.

Mills said that Burlington is re-cycling a small part of its waste, such as cardboard and baling wire. All the industries have been cooperative with officials in working on problems such as the plastic bags, Gaddy said.

Wood, a native of Rockfish who now lives in Greenville, commended the county on the selection of the landfill site.

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## South Hoke Open House

An open house will be held at South Hoke School March 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., principal Earl Oxendine announced.

Parents of students attending now or who will attend next year are particularly invited, he said.

After a tour of the rooms and visiting with teachers, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

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