

Around Town

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The past weekend was for all people who like to spend time outside. The weather was the best of the year and we were able to get in two rounds of golf.

The week before the temperature was below freezing and this past weekend it was in the 90's. The weather has been perfect so far this week and predictions don't show any chance of rain.

Now this has caused a problem to Fire Warden Robert Jones and his staff. Forest fires have been breaking out all over the county and a cease burning has been issued by Jones. So until we have some rain please be careful if you happen to be out in the woods. One careless person can destroy many acres of woodland.

Don't forget the Lions Club annual golf tournament that will be played at the Arabia Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7. Raz Autry, chairman of the tournament, asked that anyone wanting to play in the tournament contact him at once so that starting times can be figured out and the committee can know how many they can handle during the tournament. So if you like to play tournament golf see Raz and help the club get proceeds to be used for worthy causes in the community.

The publisher and his wife should return from Europe sometime this week. They left on April 9th and have been in the old country for the past two weeks. So we can expect at least one good column out of him when he returns.

If you are interested in the way your state, county and schools are being run we ask that you be at the Civic Center on Tuesday, April 25 for the "Meet the Candidates" night that is being sponsored by the Raeford Woman's Club. The candidates will be given a few minutes to speak and then the floor will be given to the public to question the candidates. We commend the Woman's Club for taking the time to put on this program.

We can remember back in our early days that we thought the Woman's Club was for drinking tea and being a social gathering. This is definitely wrong because the club is doing more for the community than any other club in the city. They became involved and don't take no for an answer.

We were noticing in the North Carolina Clubwoman, the monthly magazine of the club, that Hoke County is one of the 100% givers to the North Carolina Zoo. This means that \$2.00 has been turned in for each member of the club. That was set as a goal by the Federation Headquarters.

We would like to congratulate the Raeford Woman's Club on this effort and all other projects that they have completed in the city.

Favorable Response From Candidates

A number of candidates have already responded to the Raeford Women's Club invitation for a "meet the candidates" session to be held at the Hoke Civic Center at 7:30, Tuesday, April 25.

The following candidates have responded:

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Joy J. Johnson, Neill L. McFadyen, Mary Horne Odum and Frank S. White. Gus Speros sent his regrets because he had a previous

Bowles Daughters

Campaign Here

Skipper Bowles daughters, Holly and Martha Bowles will be campaigning in Raeford and Hoke County this afternoon from 3-5. At the conclusion of this tour, the girls will have visited all 100 counties in North Carolina, campaigning for their father, who is seeking the nomination for Governor in the May 6 primary. The girls will conduct an informal handshaking tour in Raeford this afternoon.

No Burning Allowed

Hoke County Fire Warden Robert Jones issued a statement Monday saying that no burning permits will be granted in the county. He cited the reason for this decision as the extremely dry and windy conditions which would make any burning hazardous at this time.

Jones reported that four forest fires burned 264 acres in Hoke County this week. The largest fire occurred near South Hoke School, where 216 acres were burned over. Jones request that everyone use extreme care in preventing forest fires.



SERVICE AWARD - Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill Jr. (left) presents Hoke High School principal Raz Autry with the Jaycees distinguished service award for his work in the Raeford community.

Raeford Jaycees Hold Annual Award Banquet

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Raz Autry, Hoke High School's principal at the Raeford Jaycees annual awards banquet held last week at the Hoke Civic Center. In the presentation of the award, made by Raeford mayor, John K. McNeill, Jr., Autry was cited for his service to the entire community.

The outstanding young educator award was presented to Mrs. Phyllis Duncan, instructor at Upchurch Junior High.

Two Jaycees received "Spark Plug Awards" for service and work in the organization. They are William McDonald and Paul Soloman. Carl Duncan was presented with the Freedom Guard Award. Awards for the outstanding Jaycees of the year were conferred on Jerry Goza and Wes Williams.

The guest speaker at the banquet was J. P. Powers, candidate for president of the North Carolina Jaycees who spoke on the various programs sponsored by the Jaycees.

Democrats Set May 9 For Precinct Meetings

Democratic precinct meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 8 p.m. in the polling place of each precinct. If a quorum is not present, a "make-up" meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 8 p.m.

Ten persons who are registered Democrats constitute a quorum at a precinct meeting. If a quorum is not present at the "make-up" meeting, that precinct cannot be represented by delegates at the county convention and the precinct may not be represented by a precinct chairman and first vice chairman of the county executive committee.

According to the democratic plan of organization, the precinct chairman is to preside at the meetings. If he cannot be

present, the first vice chairman, second vice chairman, third vice chairman, the precinct secretary or treasurer, in that order, have the responsibility of presiding. If no officers are present, any registered Democrat who is present at the meeting may preside.

Any voter who is a registered Democratic voter in the precinct may vote on all business considered at the precinct meeting. Voters must be present to vote - no proxies are acceptable.

engagement that night. The three remaining candidates, Tracy Britt, C.A. Brown Jr., and Tommie Deal had not responded as of late Monday.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: W.L. (Bill) Howell, Riley M. Jordan, Mrs. Alfred K. Leach, William L. Poole Jr. and Wilton Wood all accepted. Two of the candidates, D.R. Huff Jr. and Robert L. (Bobby) Gibson were out of town so have not yet been contacted concerning the session.

None of the three Seventh District Congressional candidates had responded yet.

The Women's Club urges all Hoke County voters to discuss this question and answer session with the candidates.

Early Wednesday Tracy Britt notified The Raeford Women's Club that he would attend.

Girl Hit By Car

A small girl was seriously injured last week when she drove her bicycle into the path of an oncoming car. Carmen McAllister, 4, Box 565 Raeford, was admitted to Moore County Hospital with a skull fracture, burns and minor cuts and abrasions. She was later transferred to Duke Hospital in Durham.

The incident occurred on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. on RP 1311 near the Raeford Fire Department, according to Highway Trooper K.W. Weston, who investigated the accident. The driver of the car was Elizabeth Teal Baker, Box 152, Raeford. The girl was pinned under the car according to Weston, and passersby helped lift the car to free her. No charges have been made in the accident.

Hog Quarantine Lifted In Hoke

The Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has announced that all areas of Hoke and Moore Counties are now released from the state - federal hog cholera quarantines. This release does not apply, however, to herds under individual quarantine in these areas.

Creel Names Hoke Managers

W.C. "Billy" Creel, Democratic candidate for the nomination for North Carolina Commissioner of Labor named two Hoke County men to head up his campaign. They are Crawford Thomas Jr. and Neill A. McDonald Jr.

In announcing his managers, Creel said "I am extremely pleased that these outstanding community leaders, long active in local affairs, have joined my campaign for the office of Commissioner of Labor. With their help, plus the help of their friends, I am sure my campaign will be successful in their county."

A thirty-year career employee in the North Carolina Department of Labor, Creel is seeking the office from which Commissioner Frank Crane is retiring.

Cancer Crusade

A bake sale will be held tomorrow in front of the Southern National Bank in Raeford from 3-5 p.m. to help raise money for a nationwide crusade against cancer. Freddie Williams, chairman of the Hoke County drive stated, Raeford radio station WSHB will also be broadcasting live and remote from the bank as part of

Girl Scouts Sponsor 'Rockfish-Ho' Clean-up

The Hoke County Girl Scouts are sponsoring a clean-up project of the "old swimming hole" part of Rockfish Creek at the end of East Prospect Ave. on April 22, starting at 10 a.m. The scouts are planning this as a community project and urge all the youth of the county to participate. Neighborhood chairman of the Girl

Board Of Commissioners Sets Tentative Budget

***** Hoke Student Awarded Wake Forest Scholarship

A Hoke High School student has been named among 42 winners of George Foster Hankins Scholarships at Wake Forest University. He is Stephen Charles Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Ellis of Raeford.

The names of the winners were announced by William G. Starling, director of admissions.

The 30 boys and 12 girls, all North Carolina high school seniors, were chosen for their outstanding records and for their scholarship and leadership potential.

The scholarships range in potential four year value from \$1,200 to \$12,400. The program was established in 1955 through income of an estate of more than \$1 million left to Wake Forest by Col. George Foster Hankins of Lexington.

Ellis is a senior at Hoke County High School where he is a member of the concert and marching bands, the high school chorale and the National Honor Society.



Stephen Charles Ellis

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners set a tentative budget for the fiscal year 1972 - 73 Monday night. The budget is based on agency requests for local funds. The tentative budget will be available for inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board for the next 20 days. At that time a final budget will be set for the fiscal year which begins on July 1. No tentative tax rates had been set as of this writing.

Hoke County manager T. B. Lester cited some of the major changes from the 1971 - 72 budget as the following: a sum of money will be appropriated for solid waste disposal and pickup throughout the county. This change has been prompted by the recent opening of a sanitary landfill for the county of U.S. 401.

The county has also set a tentative figure for appropriations for airport improvements. The county must provide matching funds for appropriations set by the city for the paving of Raeford Airport.

Appropriations have been tentatively set for two new deputy sheriffs to be added to the Hoke County Sheriff's Dept.

County maps will also be brought up to date during the next fiscal year, because they have not been worked on for the past few years. The Board of Commissioners also appropriated a tentative sum for this purpose.

Lester also anticipates increases in appropriations for the library to support the bookmobile, and for the county jail to be used mainly for food.

Raises for employees of the Health, Social Services Dept. and Civil Defense Dept. have also been worked into the tentative budget to meet state requirements. The amount set by the state for these employees is a 4.75 percent increase. An increase was also set for county employees at 5.5 percent, in compliance with the federal government ruling in Phase II.

An appropriation of \$15,000 for the newly formed Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled has also been tentatively worked into the budget. This amount was requested by representatives from the association at the April 4 meeting of the Board of Commissioners to provide transportation for disabled youngsters to sheltered workshops in the area.

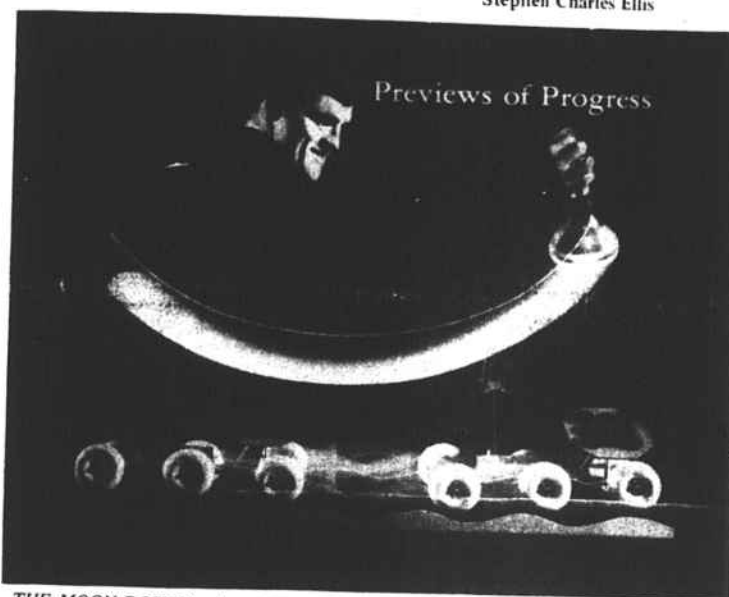
Lester said that work on the budget will continue this week and the tentative tax rates will be set.

County Observes Library Week

An open house was held at the Hoke County Library last Tuesday in observance of National Library Week. Refreshments were served by the Raeford Women's Club.

Under the supervision of the Cumberland County Library and Mrs. Celia Purdie, extension librarian from Fayetteville, the Hoke County Library maintains a very active staff consisting of Mrs. Lee Cameron, acting librarian; Mrs. Raymond Maxwell, assistant librarian; Mrs. Harry Greene, library clerk; Miss Kathy Wright and Miss Lillian Shaw, pages. Bookmobile librarians are Mrs. Archie McDiarmid and Mrs. Bruce Cotely. The bookmobile travels the entire county each month.

The library was established in 1934 when it began as a book stock of 1,571 volumes, located above Hoke's Drug Store. The library now occupies a large area in the County Building and the 1971 inventory showed a volume of 21,931 books.



THE MOON ROVER - A model of an unmanned lunar roving vehicle that runs on sunlight is shown in action in this time exposure. The button-like photovoltaic cells on the hood turn light energy into electrical energy to move the model vehicle. A 300-watt lamp simulates the sun.

'Previews Of Progress' Scheduled At School

Local students will get a peek at the future when General Motors "Previews of Progress" research - in - action science show appears at Hoke County High School Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m.

The non-commercial show, according to General Motors President Edward N. Cole, "seeks to inspire more student interest in science and engineering careers to provide the trained talent America needs to keep pace with the promise of the future."

"Previews of Progress" demonstrations depict work being done today in America's research laboratories and point out the contributions of research to modern living. A two-man team narrates the live show in non-technical language.

More than 30 - million students and adults in the United States have seen Previews since 1946. Millions more have seen the GM show in Canada and 25 foreign countries, including special

presentations made overseas at the request of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Featured in the student show are several energy conversion demonstrations which show steps of the work being done on alternate power sources. They include gas turbine engines, fuel cells and solar cells. Fuel cells convert chemical energy into electrical power and solar cells change sunlight into usable energy.

Another demonstration uses a laser beam to bypass the sounds we hear into visual patterns of light.

In all, students will see some examples of research in action.

Previews has received wide acclaim from educators and civic organizations for its ability in encouraging more student interest in technical career opportunities.



ROCKFISH HO - Sign says 'all to come and help clean up the Rockfish Creek swimming hole as part of a Girl Scout project to help clean up Hoke County. Signs like this have been placed in all of the county schools and the downtown areas.