

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The card I ran in the paper last week concerning T. J. McGill brought a telephone call from his daughter in St. Pauls. She is now Mrs. Dan Jackson of R-1 and can recall her father being in business, but couldn't recall the business card.

Mrs. Jackson stated that her brother, T. J. Jr., had lost his life in the service during World War II. I had heard this before from some of his kinfolks here in Raeford. She asked me to sell her the card so she could keep it along with other family possessions. I told her she could have the card and mailed it to her that day.

We thank Mrs. Jackson for her call and also the person that showed her the article in The News - Journal.

You can't ever tell what will happen when you write about the old days or about something that belonged to someone in the past.

I will pass on this information in case some of our Civic Club members need a program some night. The release follows: A 28 - minute highlights film that captures the excitement of this year's Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament is now available for group showings.

The sound and color film was produced by Humble Oil and Refining Company in cooperation with the ACC. Free prints of the film are available for group showings by writing or call: Humble Film Library, 503 North College Street, Charlotte, N. C. 28202; Telephone (704) 377-2574

Mrs. Pat Duncan Bacos of Hawaii came by the office Monday to renew her subscription. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Duncan of this county. Mrs. Bacos, along with her baby, are here visiting for several days.

She said the paper is late, but that she reads every word in it including the ads. We can understand how Mrs. Bacos would read everything, as this writer would read every word during World War II.

There is no news like the hometown news when you are thousands of miles from home. Thanks for your comments, Mrs. Bacos.

The following letter is self explanatory:  
Dear Sam,

On behalf of the Raeford Lions Club, I want to thank you for the fine coverage you gave us on our Golf Tournament. Both Raz Autry and Don Steed, our co-chairmen for the tournament, were extremely complimentary.

As you know, all the money we make on the Golf Tournament and other money - making drives go to help individuals within the county - especially the blind and visually handicapped.

Again, let me thank you for your help in this and other projects we have undertaken in the past. If we as a club can ever be of service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to ask.

Very sincerely,  
Dale Ormsby

Lewis Upchurch called and asked that the members of the graduating class of 1957 be reminded of the reunion June 17, 1972, at the Holiday Inn in Southern Pines.

If you haven't contacted the committee please do so at once so they can make final plans.

## Leonard School Has Many Needs

By Elaine Symanski

Director William Windley of the Samuel Leonard School in McCain, called a recently published report on the North Carolina juvenile corrections systems "unfair, in that it said nothing good about the schools - everything they reported in their investigation is negative."

The report, entitled "As the Twig is Bent," was prepared by the North Carolina Bar Association's Penal System Study Committee and submitted to Gov. Bob Scott. The committee was ordered to make the study because of allegations that students were being abused in the correction institutes.

The report was full of general accusations such as the schools are a dumping ground for the mentally retarded, the uneducable, the run - aways, pregnant girls, the neglected and, in many instances simply the unwanted child." Windley said that many of those conditions may have existed prior to 1969, the year the juvenile penal code was updated in the state, "but they certainly aren't true anymore."

He did say, however, that many of the suggestions made by the committee were good ones, and most of the improvements suggested had already been requested by the Samuel Leonard School, but had been

# County Tax Rate Down Two Cents

## Food Stamp Application

Director of the Department of Social Services, Miss Mabel McDonald, expressed concern this week that all persons who have been given appointments to make application for food stamps are not keeping their appointments.

The agency wants all eligible persons in the county who desire food stamps to be certified as soon as possible so they may purchase stamps when the program opens July 1.

Because of the large amount of paper work involved in taking applications all persons given appointments by the DDS should keep them. Miss McDonald stressed. Any persons who wish to apply for the stamps should call for appointments now, in order to eliminate last minute crowding.

Miss McDonald said "the DDS is here to serve all eligible people in Hoke County who want food stamps to get them without delay. Please help us to help you by keeping your appointment if you have one, or call for appointment if you wish to apply."

Persons making application for the stamps should bring the following information concerning income and income deductions when reporting for scheduled appointments:

GROSS INCOME - Supported by check stubs or statement from employer from all members of household who are employed

RENT OR HOUSE PAYMENTS - Supported by rent or housepayment receipts

FUEL COSTS - Supported by paid bills

ELECTRIC CURRENT - Supported by paid bills

WATER - Supported by paid bills

TELEPHONE - Supported by telephone bill (Basic telephone only)

MEDICAL EXPENSE - Supported by Doctor's receipts

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS: State Tax - Supported by employer's statement

Federal Tax - Supported by employer's statement

Social Security - Supported by employer's statement

Medical Insurance - Supported by employer's statement or receipts

ALSO: Birth dates of all family members Social Security numbers of all members who have them.

Appointments for application may be made by phoning 875-3367 or 875-3372.

## Break-In Thursday At Raeford Salvage

The Raeford Salvage Co. on Magnolia St. was broken into Thursday night and a quantity of merchandise valued at \$1,000 was reported missing.

The break - in was discovered Friday morning by Clayton Buoyer, when he went to open the place at 8 a.m. The building had apparently been entered by cutting a chain on the door. Five 55 - gallon drums of copper wiring were stolen along with 30 car radiators. Also a Coke machine inside the building was torched open and about \$5 in change was stolen.

No arrests have yet been made in the incident, and investigations by city policemen Leonard Wiggins and James Riley are continuing.

## Raeford Man Shot

A Raeford man was gunned down Saturday on the sidewalk in downtown Fayetteville and was reported in critical condition at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

Fayetteville police identified the man as 21 - year - old Robin Baker of Rt. 2, Raeford. He was shot four times in the head with a small pistol at the corner of Franklin and Maxwell streets, police said.

Being held on a charge of felonious assault is a Fayetteville man, Andrew Sanford, of 905 Branson St.

## Cottage Entered

A break-in was reported Sunday afternoon at W.P. Saunders' Lake Elizabeth cottage in Hoke County. No arrests have been made yet and investigations are still being conducted by the Sheriff's Dept.

Intruders apparently gained access to the summer home by taking a screen off the front bedroom window and prying the screen open. Saunders reported that three mounted bass that were hanging on the wall were missing along with a blanket, bedspread and some canned goods. The total value of the goods stolen has not yet been determined.

## Hoke Sales Tax

The April report from the State Department of Revenue showed that Hoke County's net collections totaled \$12,098.20 from local one percent sales and use tax collections.

The total collected in the 100 counties in the state was \$5,552,907.96.

## Lumbee Electric Co-op Plans Lines Expansion

The Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation has received loans totaling \$574,000 to finance expansion of service and improvements. The corporation, which has headquarters in Red Springs, serves consumers in Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, Cumberland and Moore Counties.

The funds will be used for a two - year expansion program which will extend and add approximately 122 miles of lines to rural areas in the five county area, and add some 2,000 new members to the present total of 13,000. In addition, 490 security lights will be added to the new and existing lines, 21 miles of existing lines will be converted to higher capacity and existing substations will have capacity increases.

President of the Board of Directors of the corporation, Cecil Dunn, said that \$459,000 of the total will come from the Rural Electrification Assn., a federal agency under the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. The remaining \$115,000 will come from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, a newly - formed organization for financing improvements to co-ops across the country.

The total number of consumers in rural areas of Hoke County who buy their power from the Lumbee River Co-op was listed as 2,203 in July, 1971. Memberships in the other counties numbered 6,957 in Robeson, 1,276 in Scotland and 1,160 in Cumberland. A breakdown of consumers in Moore County was not available. Also, Dunn stated, the figures do not include those persons in the co-op who live in the incorporated areas, such as Raeford and Red Springs.

Dunn said that the membership of the co-op has about doubled in the past 10 years. He said he anticipated that "it will grow even faster with all of the industry and rural expansion coming into the area." The co-op also expects to have their own generating facilities within the next five to ten years, which will greatly

increase service. Now, the corporation buys the power from Carolina Power Co. and distributes it to members.

The Lumbee River Co-op was formed in 1940 to bring power to the residents of rural areas along the Lumbee River, who did not have electric power facilities. "The organization was made necessary because the government would not build lines to the rural areas, because they felt it would not be worthwhile. Dunn said that judging from the growth of the membership over the years, "it has definitely proved to be worthwhile." There are currently 29 such electric co-ops in North Carolina to service rural areas.

Dunn said that because the Lumbee River Co-op is a non - profit organization, they have generally kept their rates lower than Carolina Power Co., and that at the end of the year dividends are paid back

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## Rogers Suit Dismissed

Elias Rogers racial discrimination suit against the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation was dismissed in Hoke County District Civil Court Monday.

Judge D. B. Herring Jr. ordered the dismissal after Rogers and directors of the corporation agreed that the key issue in the matter had been solved by Rogers recent appointment to a full directorate on the governing board, following an investigation by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture of alleged voting irregularities.

His suit charged racial discrimination against him because he is a Lumbee Indian. Following the federal investigation of charges, the board amended its by-laws to increase the membership from nine to twelve members. Rogers' term will expire in 1974, after which the seat will be filled

through an election.

Rogers charged that the 1970 election was invalid in that "certain members of the board of directors . . . actively worked to cause my defeat." He further added that the defeat "was accomplished by the improper gathering of proxies and improper use of proxies by causing more than the allowable votes to be cast, and by refusing to recognize the protest to the election procedure."

Rogers charged that many white members of the corporation were given more than the allowable number of proxies and that at least one individual was observed to cast 12 ballots.

Defendants in the suit were the corporation, itself, general manager of the co-op D. J. Dalton and directors Cecil Dunn, Neil A. Watson and W. B. McDiarmid.

commission made their study, there were 258 students in Samuel Leonard, and enrollment has been as high as 283.

"We have no control over the intake of students," Windley explained. "When the

state sends them to us, we have to take them." Most of the students are currently housed two to a room, although some of

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EYE CLINIC - Samuel Leonard student gets his eyes examined by a visiting optometrist at one of the quarterly eye clinics held at the school.

Taxes for Hoke County residents will be down two cents from last year's rate. The new rate, \$1.48 per hundred dollars of assessed value was set last week by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year 1972 - 73, which begins July 1.

The total amount budgeted for county funds is \$736,437.05, compared with the 1971 - 72 total of \$629,521.18. This total includes the general fund, special fund, social services fund and the county poor fund. It excludes the school budget, which is listed separately.

The general fund total is \$360,179.66, as compared to \$264,469.22 from last year. The amount set in this area in the tentative budget was \$359,482.50, but a slight increase was necessary.

A new category under the general fund total for the coming fiscal year is solid waste disposal, funds for which were set at \$45,000. The money will be used for waste pickup in the county and purchase of containers. Hoke County previously had no trash pick-up, but the opening of the new landfill off U. S. 401 has made collection now possible.

A large increase is also seen in the county aid budget, from a total of \$26,275.44 last year to a new total of \$48,244.64. An amount of \$10,000 from this fund will be used for airport improvements, which include paving of the runway and adding lights. Also a five - year program of soil testing will be underway in the county, for which \$4,000 was budgeted.

An increase of \$3,500 was added to the recreation fund from the \$2,500 in the 1971-72 budget.

A large increase is also seen in the amount budgeted for law enforcement, to take care of the addition of two new deputy sheriffs and a car to the Hoke County Sheriff's Dept.

The amount budgeted for special funds, which includes county accountant, revaluation, farm demonstration, veterans service officer and rural fire departments is \$67,177.80, up from last year's total of \$60,946.91.

Also social services fund is increased from \$191,260.80 to \$203,099. The health fund and county poor funds are also up slightly over last year's totals.

The amount budgeted for schools in the county totals \$2,308,090.50. This amount is also up from last year's total of \$1,682,140.35.

A complete listing of the new budget and comparison of last year's budget follows:

HOKE COUNTY BUDGET			
FISCAL YEAR 1972 - 1973			
GENERAL FUND	BUDGET 1971-72	BUDGET 1972-73	
Administration	10,451.16	10,461.04	
Tax Listing	20,526.83	22,362.48	
Tax Collector	21,599.53	23,590.56	
Elections	12,320.00	10,470.86	
Law Enforcement	80,806.22	96,584.01	
Library	9,730.00	10,730.00	
Office Building	7,443.35	6,843.63	
Courthouse & Grounds	9,413.98	12,207.76	
Register of Deeds	16,027.82	16,748.35	
Medical Examiner	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Forest Fire Control	13,172.72	12,658.00	
Jail	14,804.23	18,616.53	
Jury Commission	1,000.00	500.00	
County Aid	26,275.44	48,244.64	
Solid Waste Disposal	0	45,000.00	
Contingency	6,000.00	9,415.00	
Civil Defense	12,497.94	13,346.80	
General Fund Total	264,469.22	360,179.66	
SPECIAL FUNDS			
County Accountant	23,293.54	24,498.95	
Revaluation	4,320.00	6,270.00	
Farm Demonstration	20,517.36	21,917.01	
Veterans Service Officer	9,471.01	11,146.84	
Rural Fire Departments	3,345.00	3,345.00	
Special Fund Total	60,946.91	67,177.80	
Debt Service Fund	8,902.50	8,602.50	
SOCIAL SERVICES FUND			
Administration	109,904.00	137,161.00	
Public Assistance	60,106.00	62,178.00	
General Assistance	21,250.80	3,760.00	
Social Services Fund Total	191,200.80	203,099.00	
HEALTH FUND			
	76,344.86	82,760.82	
COUNTY POOR FUND			
	14,098.46	14,617.27	
HEALTH BUILDING FUND			
	13,498.43	0	
Total County Funds (Excluding Schools)	629,521.18	736,437.05	
SCHOOLS			
Current Expense	842,381.00	1,330,409.00	
Capital Outlay	109,800.00	143,300.00	
School Debt Service	100,438.17	97,944.45	
Total School	1,682,140.35	2,308,090.50	
	1971-72	1972-73	PERCENT
COUNTY TAX RATE			
General Fund	.2000	.1815	12.26
Special Fund	.1290	.1248	8.43
Debt Service Fund	.0190	.0138	.94
SOCIAL SERVICES			
Administration	.0420	.0700	4.73
Public Assistance	.1046	.1128	7.62
General Assistance	.0114	.0038	.26
Health	.1170	.1267	8.56
Poor	.0270	.0275	1.86
Total County	.65	.6609	44.66
SCHOOL TAX RATE			
Current Expense	.4900	.4433	29.95
Capital Outlay	.2000	.1927	13.02
Debt Service	.1600	.1831	12.37
Total School	.85	.8191	55.34
Total County Wide Tax Rate	1.50	1.48	100.00%

## Antioch Man Shot

A Hoke County man from Antioch was shot in the stomach three times with a .22 pistol on May 12. The victim, Willie Campbell, was admitted to Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton, where he is still being treated.

Campbell told the Sheriff's Dept. that Janie Woods Locklear was responsible for the shooting, which occurred in Campbell's home. No arrests have yet been made in the incident. Further investigations are being conducted by Deputy Sheriff Harvey Young.