

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Summer came with its hot weather this week. The mercury has been around 90 or above during the day and about 70 during the nights. Of course this is what the cotton farmers have been waiting for as hot weather is best for their crop.

Most of us now feel the hot weather more because we work in air conditioned buildings and live in houses that are air conditioned. Even as we ride along the highways we are in air conditioned cars. Progress makes living nicer and easier if we will be able to pay for it.

I want to thank my green thumb neighbors who have left corn and squash at my door. The vegetables that came straight from the garden seem to taste somewhat better than those purchased at the market.

Mary Alice and I went to the mountains of Western North Carolina this past weekend. We left here Friday afternoon and I drove to Chimney Rock and spent the night with my brother, James. To his friends here in Hoke County James is doing fine and is in the best of health. When we left Saturday morning headed for Bryson City he said that he would see us after Labor Day. The tourist trades ends then until the leaves start turning in October, which will last for about a month if rain doesn't come to bare the trees.

We like the mountains but the weather in the daytime during the past weekend was in the 90's but in the fall when the color is so beautiful the weather is cool and I believe this is the best time to go to the mountains.

From Chimney Rock we went to Bryson City to spend the day and night with our daughter, Sarah, who is working there this summer. In the five weeks she has worked there she has become a mountaineer as far as driving is concerned. She did not do anything that was dangerous but I haven't been in the mountains long enough to drive over the narrow roads with any speed. Sarah is doing fine and likes her work very much.

The interstate highways made traveling much easier than when it was only two lane traffic. It is hard to imagine the number of cars, trucks and campers that are on the highways today. The drivers in the mountains seem to be more careful than when they drive in the flat country. I can't remember seeing anyone taking any chances on the entire trip while driving in the mountains.

We enjoyed the trip very much and we enjoyed seeing James and Sarah.

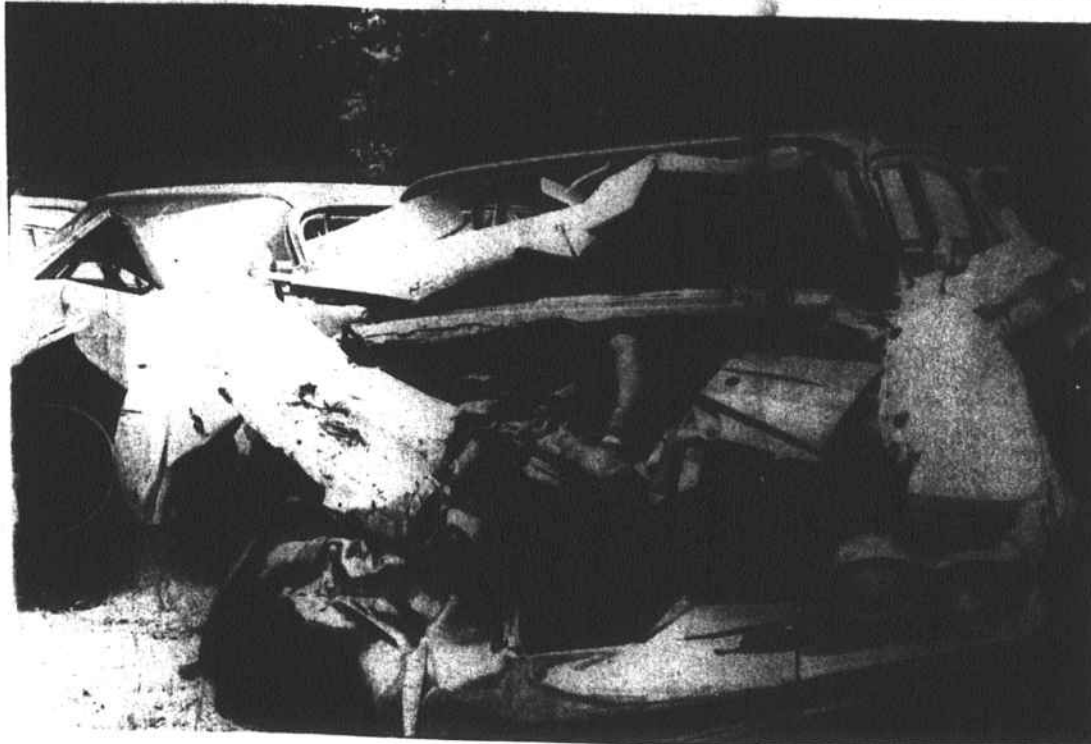
If any of you Hoke Countians are ever in Chimney Rock stop by and look up James and first tell him you are from Raeford or Hoke and I will assure you that the red carpet will be rolled out to you.

## Army Program Aids County

Ft. Bragg's 35th Signal Group and the Hoke County Social Services Dept. are new partners in helping to provide furniture and household goods for needy families in Hoke County.

The group working with the NCO Wives' Club, has provided beds.

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WRECKED CAR - Car belonging to Redell Bullard is pictured the day after the accident on the Duffie - Wagram Rd. that resulted in the death of four - year - old Judy Bullard. Four other persons were injured in the collision between the car and a wrecker Sunday evening during heavy rains.

## Bids Accepted For Airport

The Raeford City Council voted to accept low bids for improvements on the Raeford Airport at a special meeting held last Thursday.

Electrical work, which is to include installing runway lights, a rotating beacon and tower and underground cables, will be handled by Rockwell Radio Corp. from Rockwell, N.C. The bid they proposed was \$28,130.

A low bid of \$91,632.50 was accepted from C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. from Marietta, Ga., for the paving to the airport runway. Work will also include clearing of land, excavating, and installing turf.

The council is now making final arrangements for a federal grant to help

finance the project. A tentative grant was earlier approved for the airport project, and final approval is expected to be received this week.

City manager John Gaddy said work is expected to begin within the next two weeks, with fall set as the time of completion.

The project, which was engineered by Koonce, Noble and Assoc. from Lumberton, has already received the approval from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Other companies which submitted bids for consideration by the council were Barnes Paving Co., Bollinger Const., Crowell Const., and Lee Paving for the runway paving project.

Other bids for the electrical work were received from Campbell Electrical and Cross Electric Co.

## Guardsmen Prepare For Summer Camp

Approximately 500 National Guard troops, including members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 2d Bn., 252d Armor, located at the Raeford Armory, are preparing for a two week summer camp at Ft. Stewart, Ga., July 22 - Aug. 5.

SGT. George Carper from the unit explained that the battalion will take part in the Wilkinson Study Test, which is a five day field exercise during which aggressors from the regular Army will test the skills of the National Guard troops. Carper said the unit from Raeford usually goes to their summer camp as a company sized unit, but this year will be joined by troops from Red Springs, Sanford, Southern Pines, Laurinburg and Lumberton, for a full scale battalion maneuver.

Approximately 30 vehicles will leave the Raeford Armory early Saturday morning on July 22, to begin the 350 mile convoy to Ft. Stewart.

The first week of the session will be spent in administrative duties, including preparing the vehicles for the field problem and drawing tanks and armored personnel carriers from Ft. Stewart.

During the next week, five days will be spent in the fields at Ft. Stewart, where the National Guard troops will engage in war games with the regular Army units. Carper said the next couple of days will be spent preparing for the trip back to Raeford.

Although about 75 per cent of the troops in the 2d of the 252d Armor come from the Raeford - Hoke area, some troopers come from as far away as Virginia for their drill weekends with the battalion here. In addition to the one weekend out of each month which is spent drilling, the troops must spend this two week period in field training, as part of their six year National Guard obligation.

In addition, they have had three short training periods, or CPX's in preparation for the two week exercise.

HHC at the armory here is under the

## Two Youths Killed In Hoke Wrecks

### ★★★★★★★★★★ Scott, Revels Bonds Reduced After Appeal

Bond for Johnny Lee Scott and Freddie Revels Jr. was reduced from \$25,000 to \$15,000 on an appeal to Superior Court Judge A. Pilston Godwin. Bond had been set in a preliminary hearing on July 7, by Judge Joseph E. Dupree, in a case charging the two with breaking, entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods from the ABC Liquor Store robbery on April 22.

At the time the \$25,000 bond was set, Revels had been on a \$20,000 appeal bond from a previous case and Scott had been on an \$18,000 appeal bond.

The Writ of Habeas Corpus presented to Judge Godwin cited as evidence that the bond was too severe, the "offenses for which the defendants are indicted are not capital offenses," and that "the defendants have never failed to appear for arraignment, hearing or trial by any court."

The writ termed the \$25,000 bond "unreasonable, unwarranted, unfair and discriminatory," and that it "punishes the defendants before trial."

Separate accidents this week claimed the lives of two Hoke County youths, bringing the total number of traffic fatalities in the county this year to seven. An eight - year - old Antioch youth was killed Friday morning when he rode his bicycle into the path of an oncoming car on N. C. 211.

Nelson Locklear was pronounced dead on arrival at Scotland Memorial Hospital shortly after 11 a.m. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Locklear, Rt. 4, Red Springs.

Driver of the car was Diane Fairley, 16 of Aberdeen, who had been driving on a learner's permit. She was traveling toward Red Springs, in the same direction that the boy was riding.

Trooper J. Stanley, who investigated the accident, said the youth had been observed riding with a friend on the shoulder of the road, making turns onto the highway. No charges were made.

A four - year - old Red Springs girl was killed Sunday evening about 7:30 during heavy rains, when the car she was riding in rounded a curve on the wrong side of the road and slammed head-on into a wrecker towing a car on the Duffie-Wagram Road, nine miles south of Raeford.

Judy Bullard was pronounced dead on arrival at Scotland Memorial Hospital. She had been thrown from the vehicle, which was traveling south at the time of the collision.

Also injured in the accident was Redell Bullard, 33, owner of the car, who resides at Rt. 4, Red Springs. He was treated for a broken arm and released. Bullard's three - year - old daughter, Michelle, was also thrown from the vehicle and remains in critical condition in Scotland Memorial.

The driver of the Mackland Chevrolet wrecker, Vernon Vest, 36, of Duffie Rd. in Red Springs was treated for injuries at Scotland and released, as was a passenger in the wrecker, Wade Lindsay, 21, of Cross St. in Red Springs, who suffered leg injuries.

The car belonging to Bullard was demolished and damages to the wrecker and Lindsay's 1972 sedan that was in tow, were estimated at \$1,500.

Aiding in rescue efforts were the rescue squads from Hoke County, Red Springs and Maxton and the Laurinburg Highway Patrol.

State trooper Ken Weston, who investigated the accident, said charges were pending further investigations.

## Recreation Commission Expands Membership

A ten member County Recreation Commission has been appointed to supervise and plan recreation programs for both the youths and adults in Hoke County.

The commission, headed by City Councilman Benny McLeod, originally started as City of Raeford committee on recreation, but was recently expanded to its present size so that more activities and groups could be included.

New members are D.D. Abernethy, George Wood, Mrs. Milo Postel, Charles Hottel, Thomas Walker, Roscoe McCollum, Frances Locklear, Palmer Wilcox and Mrs. Ellen Willis.

The group has been working on such programs as the little league and the adult softball tournaments and the Schools' summer recreation program.

One of the main activities for the group has been work on creating a recreation center at the old swimming hole portion of Rockfish Creek. Mrs. Postel has been the main force behind the work accomplished, which includes dragging the creek and clearing debris from the area. Future plans include making a sand beach, adding picnic tables and barbecue pits and clearing of a nature trail. Some of the work was accomplished through the help of the 95th Civil Affairs Unit from Ft. Bragg.

In conjunction with the Rockfish Creek project, the commission hopes to start a water safety program before the end of summer.

McLeod said the commission plans to continue activities in the fall and winter months as well.

## Association Plans Fund Raising Drive

The Hoke County Assn. for the Developmentally Disabled has announced several fund raising activities scheduled for this weekend.

The organization is attempting to raise \$1,050 in matching funds so that a grant approved by the federal government will be received to help transport disabled students to sheltered workshops in Laurinburg.

On Saturday, July 22, volunteers and members of the association will hold a bake sale and sale of curtain canopies on Main Street. The morning location of the booth will be in front of the barber shop; the sidewalk in front of Southern National Bank will be the afternoon location.

Baked goods are being donated by association members and friends. Chariman Pat Pate said donations of baked goods will be welcomed, and may be brought to the booth on Main Street anytime Saturday. The curtain canopies have been donated by a manufacturing company in Fayetteville.

On Sunday, July 23, the Raeford Jaycees are sponsoring a fund raising radiothon from 3 to 6 p.m. on Raeford station WSHB, during which listeners may phone in their contributions.

Mrs. Pate said the "response from the people of Raeford and especially the churches has been excellent, but we are still a long way from our goal."

Another meeting of the association and interested persons will be held on Monday July 24, at the Methodist Church fellowship hall at 8 p.m., during which Mrs. Pate said they hope to wrap up the fund raising drive.

Persons interested in helping the organization are encouraged to contribute to the fund raising drive during the weekend's activities or mail contributions to the Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled, c/o Mrs. Pat Pate, 905 Fulton St., Raeford. The association is non - profit and tax exempt.

## Local Sales Tax

A report from the state Department of Revenue showed that Hoke County had collected \$12,302.30 in local one per cent sales tax and use taxes during June, 1972.

The total collections in the state were \$6,075,952.80.

## Bucks Announce Schedule

Hoke High head football coach John L. Pecora has announced the 1972 Buck football schedule.

First home game for the Varsity team will pit the Bucks against Reid Ross on Sept. 1. The Junior Varsity team will also play Reid Ross for their season's opener on Aug. 31, on Ross' territory.

In anticipation of the big season ahead, Pecora has set Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. for the Varsity team to begin training. Players are instructed to bring shorts, T shirts and shoes.

A copy of each players' birth certificate must also be furnished if one is not already on file with the Athletic Dept.

Players are instructed that payment of fees on the first day of practice will include \$3 for football insurance and \$4 for supplies. Buck football players must also have a physical and a form signed by their parents before they can start

practice. Boys who haven't been assigned a time for physical exam should contact Pecora to make the necessary arrangements.

Practice for the ninth grade team will start on Aug. 21.

Pecora said "We expect every boy to report in good shape. You must have a desire to be a champion if you want to play for the Bucks. Don't show up the first day in poor shape." Pecora warns the Bucks, "Run, run, run and take exercises every day from now until Aug. 7. We can have another great year if you are willing to pay the price for victory," he told Buck football players.

Assisting Pecora in coaching the Varsity team will be Glen Langdon and Howard Smith. The Junior Varsity team will be coached by Jim Danks and Jerry Osborne. Coaching the ninth grade team will be Billy Colston and John K. McNeill.

A complete schedule of games follows: 1972 Football Schedule

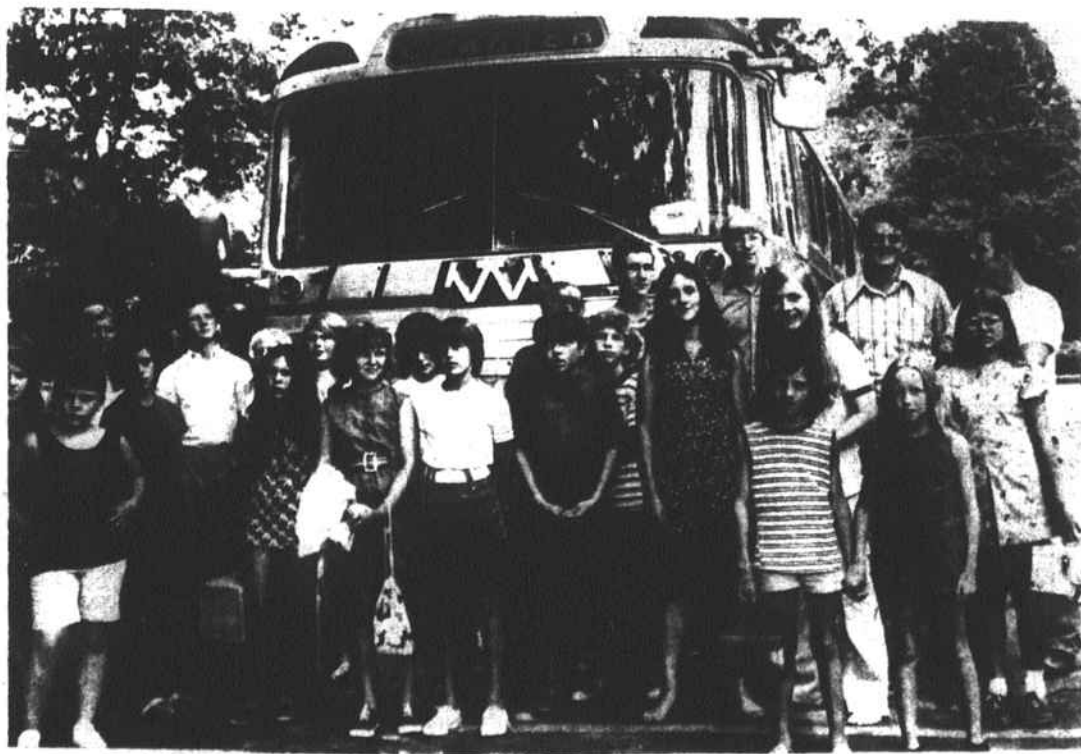
Sept. 1 - Reid Ross, Home, Sept. 8 - F.D. Byrd, Home; Sept. 15 - Lumberton, Home; Sept. 22 - Clinton, Home; Sept. 29 - Pinecrest, Away.

Oct. 6 - Scotland, Away; Oct. 13 - Richmond County, Home; Oct. 20 - Dunn, Away; Oct. 27 - Bowman, Home; Nov. 3 - Sanford, Home.

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Aug. 31 - Reid Ross, Away; Sept. 7 - F.D. Byrd, Away; Sept. 14 - Lumberton, Away; Sept. 21 - Open; Sept. 28 - Pinecrest, Home.

Oct. 5 - Scotland, Home; Oct. 12 - Richmond County, Away; Oct. 19 - Dunn Home; Oct. 26 - Bowman, Away.  
Nov. 2 - Sanford, Home.

9th Grade  
Sept. 14 - Laurinburg Jr. High, Home; Sept. 21 - Lumberton, Away; Sept. 28 - See SCHEDULE, Page 11



CAMP BOUND YOUNGSTERS - Hoke County 4-H'ers prepare to board a bus for a week - long outing at Camp Millstone at Ellerbe. Accompanying the group is assistant home economics extension agent Miss Brenda Abrams, and Joyce Willis and Julia Augustoni from the extension office. Also accompanying the campers are Cliff Potter from the 28th Civil Affairs Company at Ft. Bragg and Randy Pina from the 95th Civil Affairs Group. The 39 campers and their guides will return July 22.