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Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Harold Gillis, manager of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, sent me a letter Monday that was from J.P. Braswell of Cary. The writer states that the Cary High School Marching Band has won an invitation to represent North Carolina in the 1973 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., next New Year's Day.

The trip will cost approximately \$30,000 and a steering committee that is raising the money asks for donations from all of North Carolinians. If you feel you can donate, it is deductible, send the money to P.O. Box 91, Cary, N.C.

Another fund raising that is now underway is here in Hoke County. As readers of this paper know the Billy Baker family has been hit with tragic deaths recently. One by drowning and the other by fire.

A group of concerned citizens have started a drive to raise money for this family. If you can spare a dollar or so please mail to:

Billy Baker, P.O. Box 96, Raeford, N.C.

I received a thank you from many of Laurie Telfair's friends after publishing her letter in this column last week. I am sure that she will write to the paper again and I will be glad to pass the news along.

Thanks Laurie, for writing this column last week.

A trip to the beach last weekend by Mary Alice and I brought back thoughts of yesteryears. I can remember going to the beach in 1927 and riding the ferry into Wilmington. We kids could hardly wait to get our feet in the Atlantic Ocean. We didn't stay at an air conditioned motel, but at a hotel which reminded me of a large house, like the McFadyen or Covington homes. Anyways the family had a swell time.

This weekend most of the kids staying at the motel we were at didn't go near the ocean but used the large pool in the center of the motel area. When I remarked about this Monday, Elaine said that the pool could have been cleaner than the ocean. I wouldn't be surprised if this isn't the truth.

I stated in this column recently about the drivers in the mountains and how careful they drove. Well going down to Wilmington and returning was all together different. We had to drive for ourselves and a few others on the highway.

I commented to Patrolman Gene Coen Monday that I drove between 55 and 60 and asked him how many cars he thought I passed. He said, "Only the ones that were pulling off the highway to stop." This is what happened. You drive the speed limit and about 90% of the cars on the highway will pass you.

So remember when you are on the highways that safety starts with you at the wheel.

Four Arrested In Break-In

Routine investigations by two of the new deputies on the Hoke Sheriff's force resulted in the arrest of four persons in connection with the break-in at the W.L. Roper farm house in the Allendale section of the county.

Deputies Johnny Young and Preston Moore noticed a car near the unoccupied house last Tuesday, about 12:30 a.m., and upon investigating more closely, heard noises in the house.

The two deputies apprehended three persons in the house and a fourth was observed running from the scene. A large quantity of furniture and household goods had already been removed from the house into the trunk of the automobile parked outside.

Arrested on the scene were Julie D. Bradshaw, 21, John B. Moore and Martha L. Moore, all of Laurinburg. Shortly after deputies also arrested Robert E. Bradshaw of Laurinburg on the breaking entering and larceny charge.

All four were arrested on \$1,000 bonds and are scheduled for appearance in District Court this Friday, Aug. 4.

Among the items recovered were some clocks, two desks, some beds, a quantity of glassware and two electric fans. Two television sets reported missing from the home were not recovered. It is believed that the four were making their second haul from the house when they were discovered.

Entry to the house was gained through forcing open a window.

Office Closed

The Hoke County Department of Social Services has announced the Food Stamp Office will be closed all day Wednesday, Aug. 9, in order for the office employees to attend a food stamp meeting in Laurinburg.



NEW OFFICERS - Newly elected officers of the Raeford Merchant's Assn. are pictured following the organizational meeting of the group last week. (from left) - Paul Solomon, vice president; Theresa McBryde, secretary - treasurer; and Louis Quick, president.

Merchants Assn. Holds Organizational Meeting

The newly formed Raeford Merchants Assn. held their first meeting last Thursday at the Family Restaurant, during which election of officers took place.

Chosen as president of the organization was Louis Quick from the Raeford Department Store. Paul Solomon from Sugar's was named vice president and Theresa McBryde of Theresa's was elected secretary-treasurer.

A follow-up meeting was held the following Tuesday, during which the merchants decided to set the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. for their meetings.

Present at the organizational meeting were Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce manager Harold Gillis and Chamber president Sam Morris. Morris stated that one of his desires as president of the chamber is to see such an organization get started. "I believe it will be of benefit to the community as well as to all of the merchants," he commented.

Solomon said "I've always been in favor of a Merchant's Association to get people to shop in Raeford. We have to let people know we'd like their business here."

Gillis said the Chamber "will do everything we can to help." It was decided that the president of the association would be a director of the chamber also, to aid in communications between the two groups.

Upon taking over the business portion of the meeting as president, Quick said, "We'll have to do a lot of working together... we should start with trying to get the other merchants to take an interest in the organization and come to the next meeting."

It was decided that the immediate goal of the association would be to get together a back-to-school promotion. Long range plans discussed included Christmas promotions and sales and the possibilities of some changes concerning

Area 3 Tournney Begins Monday

The Kiwanis-sponsored Area 3 Slow Pitch Softball Tournament gets underway Monday evening with Raeford's top team, House of Raeford, facing Chavis Plumbing from Laurinburg at 7 p.m.

House of Raeford finished first in the regular season's play and was runner up in the District 5 tournament held last week. This tournament is one of the eight area tournaments to be played throughout the state. The winner of the double elimination contest in Raeford will go to the state tournament later this month.

Also on the schedule for Monday evening, Sealtest Dairies from Fayetteville faces Scottish Packing Co. from Lumberton at 8 p.m. Pepsi Cola of Fayetteville will face John Mansfield of Laurinburg at 9 p.m. The first round of play will see Ralph's Mobile Homes of Fayetteville facing the Lumberton Moose Lodge at 10 p.m.

Play will continue all week, with trophies being awarded on Friday.

McCain Drowning

The Hoke Sheriff's Dept. is investigating a drowning in McCain, which occurred sometime Sunday.

The body of Lewis King, 45, Rt. 3 Raeford, was discovered in the pond behind the Samuel Leonard Training School, which is located on state property.

King was last seen Saturday. Discovery See DROWNING, Page 11

the Christmas program in the downtown area. Some of the merchants spoke in favor of using more decorations and lights on Main Street and eliminating the Christmas parade.

Other topics discussed were the possibilities of some "extravaganza" sales in which the merchants would promote special items and have some cooperative advertising. Also mentioned was the possibility of having a type of shopper's guide and a type of welcome wagon for new Hoke residents.

Merchants attending the two organizational meetings were Dugan Seawell from Sears; Irvin Hubbard from Collins; C. P. Kinlaw from Kinlaw's Jewelry; Danny De Vane from De Vane's; Theresa McBryde from Theresa's; Paul Solomon from Sugar's; and Louis Quick from the Raeford Department Store.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m., in the Southern National Bank Board of Directors meeting room.

Motor Vehicles Subject To Tax

The Hoke County Tax Supervisor's Office has recently mailed out approximately 600 letters to Hoke residents concerning motor vehicles which were not listed for county taxes.

The list of vehicles in the county that were not listed for taxes from the Motor Vehicle Dept. in Raleigh. It is a state law, subject to a \$500 fine or six months imprisonment, that motor vehicles must be listed for the purpose of taxation.

The letters informed the 600 persons that their vehicles will be automatically listed objections to the listing at the meeting of the Hoke Board of Commissioners on August 7, between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon.

County manager T. B. Lester said the only persons who would be exempt from the listing would be service men residing in Hoke County.

The tax office used 65 per cent of the Blue Book valuation of the vehicle for the purpose of computing tax. A county rate of \$1.48 per hundred dollars of assessed value is then used to determine the tax on individual vehicles.

Local Governments To Benefit From U.S. Revenue Sharing Bill

A revenue sharing bill recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives will give Hoke County a total of \$205,000 and the City of Raeford \$54,151 if it is passed by the Senate.

Formally titled the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, the measure calls for North Carolina's state government to receive about \$36.3 million annually and Tarheel county and municipal governments collectively about \$76.8 million. A total of approximately \$113.1 million in Federal revenues would flow into North Carolina.

The bill has been in the planning stages for about four years now, but this is the first time it has been subjected to a vote by the House. The funds would be given to the county and municipal governments for use in certain designated areas, instead of the Federal funding programs which are now in effect.

4-H's Sail For Nassau

Bon voyages are in order for the 75 Hoke County 4-H's and the adult leaders who will sail for Nassau Monday morning aboard the Bermuda Star.

The group will depart Raeford early Sunday morning and head for Miami, where the cruise will begin Monday afternoon. The following morning the group will tour Paradise Beach and later enjoy entertainment on board.

The next stop will be Freeport, where the tourists will have an opportunity to shop for souvenirs and tour the island. Upon arriving in Miami again, the Hoke group will take the time to tour Marjorie and St. Augustine.

The Hoke County group will have luxurious accommodations aboard the ship on the Promenade deck for the four-day cruise. Entertainment on board will include casual fun as well as elegant night club entertainment, and all meals are included.

The group will depart Miami for their return trip to Raeford on Friday.

Accompanying the 4-H's will be a group of adult leaders, interested parents and a small group of 4-H members from Scotland County.

Two-Week Superior Court Session Set

School Opening Set For Aug. 25

The Hoke Board of Education and the administrative staff of the county schools are making final arrangements for the opening of school on Aug. 25.

The first day will be devoted to pupil registration and orientation. A full day of instruction will begin August 28.

A map of the new bus routes will be published in The News Journal the week prior to school opening. Hoke superintendent D. D. Abernethy said a few adult drivers are still needed for the new routes. Applications may be placed in the Hoke High transportation office.

Calendar for the 1972-73 school year follows:

August 25 - Pupil Registration
August 28 - First Day of School
September 4 - No School, Labor Day
September 25 - End 1st month
October 23 - End 2nd month
October 24 - No School, Teacher's meeting
November 21 - End 3rd month
November 23-24 - No School, Thanksgiving
December 21 - End 4th month
December 22-January 1 - No School, Christmas Vacation
January 19 - No School, Teacher's work day
January 30 - End 5th month
February 27 - End 6th month
March 27 - End 7th month
April 19-24 - No School, Easter
April 30 - End 8th month
May 28 - End of 9th month, last day for students
May 31 - End of year for teachers.

August Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education, the County Commissioners and the City Council will be held next Monday, August 7.

The Hoke Commissioners will hold their meeting in the Board of Education Building at 9 a.m. Included on the agenda will be a discussion of ambulance service in the county.

The School Board decided to postpone the meeting for one week to Aug. 14, at 8 p.m., in the Board of Education Building.

The City Council will hold their meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, during which bids for street pavings projects will be opened.

All governmental meetings are opened to the public.



Phillip Ray Ricks

Asst. County Agent Begins

A new assistant county agent began work with Hoke County this week, filling a position that had been open for a month. He is Phillip Ray Ricks, 23.

Ricks recently completed his Marine basic training at Parris Island, S.C., and now is in the Marine Reserves.

A native of Wayne County, Ricks graduated from Wayne High School in Dudley, N.C., before attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry.

His past work experience includes farm work on the North Carolina State University Research Farm in Raleigh and work as a research assistant in grasses at N.C. State. He also has experience in working with tobacco, tending dairy cows and operating a mobile crop sprayer.

His school activities included membership in the Animal Science Club and Future Farmers of America. Awards he has received include State Farmer and American Farmer Degree.

Ricks and his wife, Beverly, moved to Hoke County last weekend into a home on College Drive. Mrs. Ricks is a home economics graduate of East Carolina University and has a position as an elementary school teacher in Cumberland County.

The jury list and calendar for the two-week session of Hoke County Superior Court which begins August 14, have been announced.

Presiding over the first week of court will be the Honorable Coy E. Brewer. Grand jury hearings will also be conducted during the first week of court.

The second week of court will be presided by the Honorable James G. Exum Jr. Serving as solicitor for both weeks will be Jack A. Thompson, from the 12th Solicitorial District. He will be assisted by Daniel T. Perry, Edward W. Grannis Jr., Edwin Lynn Johnson, Dudley Salldby Jr. and Philip Cheatwood.

Included in the lengthy first week calendar will be the murder trials of James Roy McGowan, Betty Scott (Betty McArn) and Sarah Marie Bullard (Zelma Bullard).

The second week of court will be marked by numerous driving under the influence trials. Over 80 cases have been set for trial during this session of court.

The list of jurors follows:

Willie Oxendine, Aretha Mc. Baldwin, Rosa Tyler Smith, Mrs. Graham Wilson, Willa Mae McNeill, John Alexander Lindsay, Leon Gilchrist, Jack Campbell, Pernel Kelly.

Willie F. Jacobs, Elizabeth Smith, Marie Lambert Webb, Lisa McIntosh, Eula Lunsford, Loretta Elkin Park, Aline Edwards Lentz, Donald E. Pittman, Susan Monroe Polston, Tony T. Love, Isabella Maynor Morrissey, Joe P. Smith, Annie Belle Adcox, Christine Henderson, Agnes Patterson, Willa McLean, Floyd Hollingsworth, Henry Edmond Lunsford, Charlie Thomas, Franklin Crumpler.

Dannie Harris, Howard Ray, Annie McKinnon, Varsie L. Ppps, Lallen Webb Ruffelt, Sam McPhatter, Marie Miller, Jimmie Bullard, Neill A. Smith, George McNeill, Waldorf Garold Crawley.

Alma Lovette, Betty Jean Walters, Wilma McFadyen, Lovie Gillespie, Anna Mildred Maynor, Robert Lee Purcell, Stanley McKinnon, Luther L. Bam, Jr., Jessie J. McPherson, Mary H. Peele.

Robert Louis Headen, Laura Bell Graham, Ollie Lentz Bennett, Anna Cleopatra Patterson, Rosetta Currie, Jack Bethea, Wyatt G. Upchurch, Beulah Winston Caddell, Lucy P. Singletary, Lawrence Edward Murchison.

Venetta Leslie Monroe, Luther B. Seals, Jr., Mrs. J.T. Leslie, Cecil Blue Evans Dargon, Polly Mae Jacobs, Everette McBryde, Rovenia McPhatter Blacksheer, James Douglas Hord, Lynn Calvin Graham, Ruth McGugan Sports, Donald Joseph Kidder.

James Daniel McCormick, Mary Singletary, Earline Locklear Jacobs, Catherine Stewart, Sides, Eldon Junior Nealy, Albert Buddy Carter, Robert L. Smyre, Philip Leighton Hart.

Second Week
Phillip Malloy, Wilco Lee Brown Jones, Henry Tillman Sides, Dewey T. Lovette, Faye Cagle Baker, Alma R. Graham, Blanche Elizabeth Wright, Juanita Malloy, Chaffie C. Steele, Willie McNeill, Walter Walden Clark.

Rosa Arlene Murchison, Mrs. Amanda Ammons, R.C. Matthews, David E. Williford, Virginia Phillips Bray, Ralph D. Currie, Glenn Wood, Alex McCormick.

Esther Warren Jackson, Dorothy Stanfield Harris, Floyd Roco Young, James E. McBryde, Clifton Dial, Larry E. Baker, Alexander McNeill, Wendell Mitchell Quick, Dave Jones, Jr., Alexander McQueen, Prince Parker.

John William Riky, Mrs. N.G. Balfour, David Walton, Katie Conoly Holland, E.J. Hollingsworth, Lewis Irvin Cagle, Peter Nelson Dockery, Novella Townsend, Elbert Quick.

Cora Miranda Edwards, Robert Taylor, Evelyn Marie Bryant, Rhodie Hammonds, Marianne Johnson Baker, Lewis M. Upchurch, Jr., Dorothy Naomi Dawson, Elizabeth Adkins, Montgomery G. Barnes, Jr., Mattie Beulah Blue, James Kenneth Wright.

Leonard Ellis, Roy D. Haywood, Flora McRae Priest, W.A. Maxwell, Margaret Baker Wood, James Harold Brock, Regina McMillan.

School Break-In

City policeman Chester Price discovered a break-in at the Gibson Building at Hoke High School about 4 a.m. Tuesday morning.

An air conditioner valued at \$350 to \$400 was discovered missing after investigations by the Raeford Police Dept. were conducted. Two Coke machines were also broken into, but no money was stolen since the machines had been emptied the previous evening.

City police are also investigating the theft of four tires from two different vehicles parked in the Chevrolet lots on Main Street. One of the thefts occurred sometime Wednesday night and the other one Sunday night. Chief James E. Lamont said the tires and rims were of two different sizes.