

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The Club Championship will be played Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13 at the Arabia Golf Course according to an announcement by Raz Autry, tournament chairman. Tee off time will be from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$3.00 and all awards will be trophies. Raz said that he must know by Thursday, August 10th if you are going to play.

So if you are a member at Arabia and like tournament golf get in touch with Raz Autry.

Last week the Raeford Fire Department was called out and it was a false alarm. I can't understand why anyone would call and say something is on fire and disturb the entire group of volunteer firemen who are called out enough anyway. This is not a joking matter and someone could get in serious trouble if caught.

Crawford Thomas, fire chief, also stated that firemen couldn't get to the scene because of the sightseers following the fire truck. This is also against the law and could get someone in trouble. So if you must go to every fire wait until the firemen have arrived. You cannot be of any help and you could get in the way.

The firemen are doing a good job and the pay is for free, so give them a free hand to do their work.

Every year Long's Bait and Tackle Shop puts on a fishing contest and gives prizes to the winners. The winners for this year were announced last week and are as follows:

Bass, 9 lbs. 10 ozs. - Joe Holt.
Jack, 3 lbs. 15 ozs. - Clyde Upchurch, Jr.
Bream, 24 ozs. - Mabel Riley
Robin, 23 ozs. - Lee Moss.
Crappie, 11 ozs. - Lonnie Hendrix.
Congratulations to all these fishermen.

The Democrats finally found a running mate for Senator George McGovern and can now get down to a hard campaign. They have had the headlines for the past couple of weeks and I believe the Republicans enjoyed every minute of it. The Republicans will have a convention in a couple of weeks but it should be quiet unless the hippies get out of control.

Vets Hold Cook-Out

Chapter 17 of the Disabled American Veterans will hold a cook-out at the lot of Bargain Motors next Monday night, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Commander Jake Gurley urges all members and other disabled veterans to attend.

Road Paving Bid Approved City To Begin Six Projects

The Raeford City Council accepted a bid for paving and resurfacing more than 6,000 feet of city streets at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The low bid of \$23,212.88 came from Lee Paving Co., a firm from Sanford, N. C. Another bid was also received on the project from Crowell Construction Co. in Lumberton.

The project will entail resurfacing of four Raeford streets, new paving of two additional streets and installation of a curb and gutter on one street.

The sections to be resurfaced are East Edinborough, from Jackson to the cemetery; Central Avenue, from Magnolia to the railroad; Sixth Avenue, from Saunders to Forrest; and Grant Avenue, from Saunders to Forrest.

New paving projects are slated for McLean, from Prospect to Seventh and Lumber Plant Street, from Magnolia to Main.

A 30-inch curb and gutter will be installed on East Edinborough Avenue, from Crawford to Jackson. The area to be serviced by the project covers approximately 2,800 linear feet.

City manager John Gaddy said work on the road projects is expected to be underway soon.

The council also held two public hearings on annexations of property to the city, with no objections to either. The hearings concerned Burlington Industries and the Bethel Road apartment building owned by Joe McLeod. Both annexations were requested by the owners.

The council also accepted six bids for the sale of some surplus equipment belonging to the city.

Two Ford dumptrucks, one a 1959 model and the other a 1963 model were sold to Ed Liebers from Traveler Systems, along with a 1954 garbage packer. The bids on the dumptrucks were for \$79.10 and \$63.10. The garbage packer brought a high bid of \$376.10.

Commissioners Amend Budget To Supplement Ambulance Service

Man Arrested On Rape Charge

A 21-year-old Hoke County man was arrested for the rape of a young Raeford woman last Wednesday afternoon.

Joint investigations by the Hoke Sheriff's Dept. and the Raeford City Police led to the arrest of Junior Lee Washington, Rt. 1, Red Springs, on a kidnapping charge and two counts of rape.

Mrs. Patricia H. Adams, 22, 716 Harris Ave., told authorities that a young man had come to her house Tuesday morning and questioned her about some landscaping of her property. She said he asked her when her husband would be home so they could discuss it further.

She told authorities that the man came back the next morning and discussed the landscaping again and then asked her for a glass of water. She said the man accepted the glass of water from her while he was outside her front door and then allegedly pushed his way into the house and drew a knife on her and raped her.

It is alleged that he then forced her at knifepoint to drive him about five miles out of town and again raped her.

The location of the second assault was reported to be off U. S. 401 South, near the Scotland County line.

Arrest of Washington was made at his home about 1 p.m. after Mrs. Adams told authorities the type of car he had been driving.

Mrs. Adams said she cooperated with the man because she was afraid he might harm her or her two children who were in the house at the time the alleged incident occurred.

Washington is being held in the Hoke County Jail without privilege of bond pending preliminary hearing on Sept. 1 in District Court. He faces additional charges of breaking, entering and larceny in the incident.

Raeford Police Chief James E. Lamont said this was the first reported incident of rape to occur in the city.

League Meets

The Raeford Merchants bowling league will meet at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Hoke Civic Center.

Sold to Highway 64 Auto Sales and Salvage from Wake Forest were an old Case tractor for \$32.07 and a bush-hog mower for \$37.07.

Aberdeen Sand and Gravel purchased a D-7 bulldozer for \$1,255.

The council passed a motion to request permission from the State Highway Commission to plant some low flowering shrubs on the median strip on Main Street. Mrs. Evelyn Manning, chairman of the Governor's Beautification Project, appeared before the council Monday night to request the measure. Funds for purchase of the plants were provided by the Raeford Jaycees.

A motion authorizing the City Manager to make application for a Federal grant from the Economic Development Assn. for help in the water works improvement project was also approved by the City Council.

Food Stamps Reach 460 Families; More In Hoke Believed Eligible

In its first month of operation in Hoke County, the food stamp program has already reached some 460 families, and a total of 580 are expected to be certified by the end of the second month.

Food stamp supervisor Roger W. Dixon said the number now receiving aid through food stamps already represents 200 more families than were receiving surplus food before the stamp program began on July 1. Dixon said the requirements for eligibility for stamps are "far less stringent. Under the surplus food program only the real poverty families were eligible for help."

Dixon feels that at least a couple hundred more Hoke families are eligible for the stamps. "We're not reaching everyone that we can right now. Many



SECOND BLAZE - Volunteer firemen help control flames during the second flare-up of the glue flour mill section of the Upchurch Milling Co. Tuesday afternoon.

Fire Guts Section Of Upchurch Mill

Fire broke out in the Upchurch Milling Co. twice Tuesday and caused extensive damage in the glue flour mill, a three floor section of the building located off Main Street.

Possible cause of the blaze was attributed to lightning striking the building, according to Tom Cameron of Upchurch Milling. He said lightning had struck machinery in the building several

times recently and that it had been lightning early Tuesday morning when the fire began at 5 a.m.

The section of the mill that burned was used to grind and sift a low grade wheat flour for industrial purposes. Cameron said the equipment that was destroyed was "a very minor part of the operation and it was a total loss."

Cameron said Upchurch "had considered taking that part of the mill out" and that the glue flour mill would probably not be reconstructed. He did not know what would be done with the section of the building itself, which was still standing.

He said the firm did not yet have an estimate of damages.

The first call came into the Raeford Fire Dept. from the Charlotte Observer delivery man, after he spotted flames in the building while making his rounds about 5 a.m. Calls were relayed to North Raeford and Hillcrest Fire Departments, and within minutes a large turnout of volunteer firemen were at the scene of the blaze.

Flames were controlled within about an hour, reported assistant Fire Chief Neil McDonald, but the building was still smoldering at mid-morning and small flames were still breaking out.

The second major break-out occurred about 2:15 Tuesday afternoon, when flames could again be observed shooting high out of the same section of the building. One truck and volunteers from the Raeford Fire Dept. had remained on the scene since early that morning, helping to control the flames, but when the second major flare-up occurred, the sirens again blew in the Raeford and North Raeford Districts and additional

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Road Paving Project OK'd

The North Carolina State Highway Commission has allocated Hoke County more than \$14,000 for one secondary road construction project, it was announced this week.

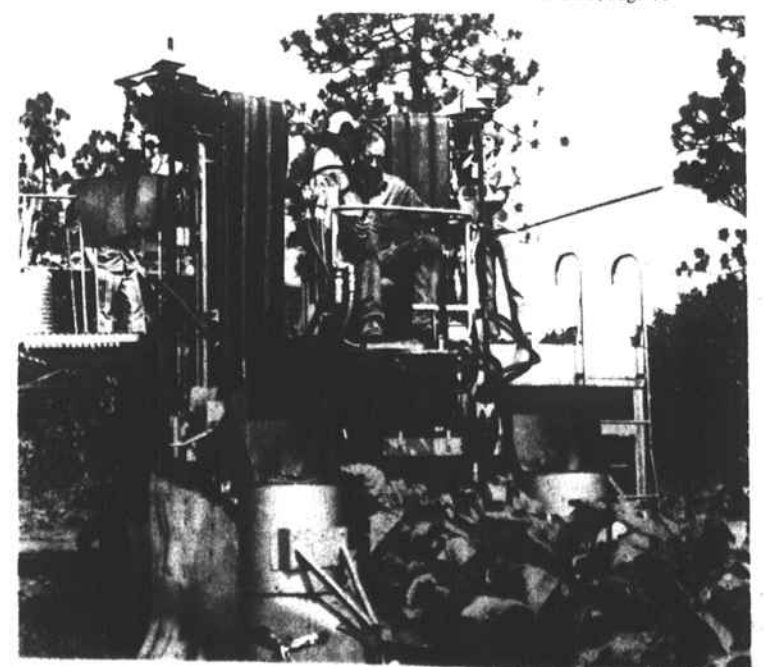
The project will involve the paving of nearly a mile of SR 1108, a road in the Antioch section of the county. The part which will be graded and paved stretches from Hender's Road to the Burlington Road. SR 1108 is known as the R. Newton Road.

Approval of the project was voted at the regular August meeting of the Highway Commission held in Hendersonville.

Black-Out Caused By Trouble In Line

The 25 minute power black-out in Raeford and Hoke County Tuesday afternoon was due to line trouble in the Red Springs substation, according to Ed Chappell, representative of Carolina Power and Light Company.

Power went out at 12:43 p.m. and was restored at 1:08. There was some speculation that the black-out was somehow related to the fire at the Upchurch Milling Co. which continued throughout Tuesday, but Chappell said the causes were roughly the same as those that caused the black-out a few weeks ago.



AUTOMATION - Robert Strother harvests his tobacco crop with the help of a new automatic harvester. The farm is located in the Quewhiffle section of the county.

Chairman Jones pointed out that the See BUDGET, Page 13