

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

A visitor in the office Tuesday was Arch McLean of Clearwater, Fla. He is a brother of H.R. and Wallace McLean of this county. He attended high school here and played football with Frank Culbreth, John Cal McLean and others during his school days.

It was a pleasure to meet Mr. McLean and I hope his stay in Hoke County will be a pleasant one.

Becky Conoly, secretary at The News-Journal office, told me Friday afternoon that Charlie Rose had called me while I was out of the office. She said that he told her to tell me that he was sorry about calling The News-Journal by the name of The News-Reporter.

I hate I didn't get to talk to him and find out how his campaign is going.

The writer of the column "Hoke Highlights" is Gail Conoly daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conoly of Raeford. The paper is fortunate to have a student write the school news each year and I think Gail has made a fine start and will keep all of us informed of happenings at the High School.

The following letter was received last week from Mrs. Robert Wharton, now Betty Walters, a native of Hoke County now living at Delray Beach, Fla. I would like to thank her for the nice letter and it follows.

Dear Mr. Morris: I have just returned home to find two notices, postmarked Aug. 24 and Aug. 29 respectively, telling me that my subscription will expire Aug. 15. Please renew my subscription from the Aug. 15 date, and accept my thanks to you for sending Aug. 24 and 31st issues so that I might have continuous service.

I anxiously look forward to each issue of the News - Journal. Not only is it interesting to see familiar names of my childhood, but I also relish each item regarding the history of the area. My ancestors, like so many others in the area, date back to John and Neill McPhaul who founded McPhaul's Mill and helped to establish Antioch as a community in the 1760's. The 1884 map of Hoke Co., which appeared in the News - Journal last summer showing boundaries of the newly formed county and locating each landowner, has been immensely helpful in my research. Do you know if other (similar) maps exist? And, if so, how may I go about obtaining copies?

Laine Symanski's writings are delightful. One of her earliest columns on the pronunciation and spelling of names was especially meaningful. Most of us have found ourselves in this kind of a situation at least once.

"Around Town" is another favorite. It makes the reader feel like he is mentally sitting in the next chair, with feet propped up, just listening to what's happening - around town.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Betty (Walters) Wharton

Mr. Sam Morris: Hoke High School's football team has played their first two home games but the scores certainly don't show how close that both of these games were. In both games the attendance was poor and this is what prompted me to speak out at this time. In the last two years Hoke High has been in post season games. In these two years the football team has lost by graduation twenty-plus athletes each year. These two teams had many all conference players and others were recognized as All Eastern 3-A picks, as many of these past athletes are now in college with athletic scholarships.

This brings us back to the present football team. Due to all the losses by graduation we now have a team of young inexperienced players. Other conference teams in years past that have produced championship material also have gone through a few years of rebuilding their football programs just as Hoke High is doing now. Hoke High School Athletic Department has the same coaching staff that produced these two great teams. Also these are the same coaches that Hoke County fans have been supporting the last two years.

There has been a lot of criticism from Hoke High fans during the last two games. I've heard plenty myself, about the coaches and players. Before anyone makes critical remarks about the coach and the players they should be aware of all the circumstances that might have caused them to be critical of the last two games. Not once in any newspaper have you heard our coaches give any excuses about losing the last two games. They have commented on the inexperience that this team has but that is all. The present team has had more injury to key players (players with any experience) than the last two years put together. Also, the week of practice preceding these two games, there had been a virus affecting most of the players preventing them to play in either of these games. This has made it necessary to play inexperienced

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## Maj. Niven Appointed Civil Defense Director

Appointment of Maj. (Ret) William T. Niven as Hoke County Civil Defense director was announced this week. He was chosen to fill a two-month vacancy since the death of William Lamont Jr.

Niven has an extensive background in Civil Defense work in the U. S. Air Force, from which he recently retired after 20 years of service.

He entered the service in 1952 and received his basic training at Lackland AFB before attending flight school at Williams AFB in Arizona and Goodfellow AFB in Texas.

He served as Staff Intelligence Officer in the Air Defense Command at Bunker Hill AFB in Peru, Ind., for 12 years. He also served in Headquarters of the Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs for five years, and at Stewart AFB in New York and Charleston, S. C.

He served for three years from 1962 - 65 in Headquarters of Command Control at Hickam AFB in Hawaii, where he wrote the Emergency Actions Plan for nuclear weapons control in the Pacific.

He later served in the Tactical Reconnaissance at Shaw AFB in South Carolina and at Udorn AFB in Thailand. For the last six months of his career he worked with the Airlift Control Element at Pope AFB. He retired in February.

Niven resides with his wife, the former Elizabeth Wilder of McCann, and their three children, William T. II, 14; Lori Lynn, 12; and Robin K. 11 on College Drive.

Before entering the Air Force, Niven worked at Para Thread Co., Inc., which is now the Tex-Ilastic Corp.

His position as Civil Defense director is a half-time job. He is a county as well as Federal employee.



Maj. William T. Niven

## Riley Sentenced For Violation Of Gun Control Act

Former Hoke County firearm dealer Fred Worth Riley pleaded guilty in U. S. Middle District Court in Rockingham Monday to violation of the U. S. Gun Control Act of 1968.

He was sentenced to four years, suspended, and placed on probation for five years. He was also fined \$3,000 for violation of Title 18 of the U. S. Code Section 922 (m) by "knowingly making false entries or failing to keep proper records as to firearms."

Arrest of Riley was made on June 20 following special investigations of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the U. S. Treasury Dept. in Fayetteville. He operated Riley's Roadside Market on Rt. 1, Aberdeen in the 2500 block section of Hoke County.

After his arrest he appeared before U. S. Magistrate Walter Cashwell Jr. in Lumburg and was released on a \$500 personal recognizance bond. He was sentenced in Rockingham Tuesday following his guilty plea the day before.

Special agent for the U. S. Treasury Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, James D. Thornbrough, said "as a result of the charges, Riley's Federal firearms license will be revoked." He still operates an antique shop at Ashley Heights.

## Break-Ins Investigated

Break-ins at two cabins in Hoke County were reported to the Sheriff's Dept. last week.

The Airport Road cabin belonging to Bill Laster of Trot Street in Yaupon Beach was entered sometime between Aug. 12 and Sept. 1, and a quantity of household items valued at \$301 were stolen. Among the items reported taken were a quantity of bedding, some kitchen utensils and a window fan. Entry was gained through the front door.

The Rt. 3, Raeford cabin belonging to Myrtle Swing Calloway, 1522 Reynolds Rd., in Winston - Salem was reported entered between Sept. 5 and Sept. 7.

Among the items reported stolen were a quantity of small hardware and some bedding. Value of the goods was set at \$75. Entry to the cabin was gained by kicking in the front door.

No arrests have been made in either case. Investigations are continuing.

## Evangelistic Services Held



The Rev. Mr. DeLoach

The First Baptist Church will conduct special evangelistic services the week of September 17-22. The guest speaker will be the Rev. James DeLoach, pastor of Derita Baptist Church, Charlotte.

The Rev. Mr. DeLoach has conducted over 120 revival meetings in eleven different states. In addition to his preaching he has worked in public school teaching and seminary extension work in several southern states. He served in the Navy during World War II.

He recently brought the annual sermon to the messengers of the N.C. Baptist State Convention, making up over 3,400 churches. Mrs. Doris Austin will direct the Sanctuary Choir in rendering special numbers and there will be special invited guests during the week.

The time of the services is 7:30 and the pastor, Jack Mansfield, gives a personal invitation for the community to attend.

## Wreck Destroys Pole, Two Cars

A two car accident in Raeford Tuesday morning resulted in the destruction of a telephone pole and total loss of both vehicles. Neither driver was seriously injured.

A car driven by S. T. Fellows of Wilmoth Street in Raeford was traveling south on Magnolia about 8:10 a.m. when a vehicle operated by Thomas Lee Evert, Rt. 1, Raeford, turned onto Magnolia Street off Donaldson and was struck by Fellows' vehicle.

Evert's car skidded into a telephone pole, snapping the pole in two and resulting in a total loss of the vehicle. The Fellows vehicle was also judged a total loss.

Evert was charged with failing to yield right-of-way.

The accident was investigated by Raeford Police Chief James E. Lamont.

## Notice

City manager John Gaddy announced the fire sirens in Raeford will be worked on from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Saturday morning, so alarm sounding should be disregarded.

## In Hoke

# Crop Harvest Increases Despite Loss In Acreage

A preliminary farm census survey by the County Commissioners showed Hoke County farmers harvesting more crops in 1971 than in the previous year, although land in farm tracts decreased.

The total increase in production over 1970 was listed at three percent, the same percentage the farm acreage declined. Total number of acres in the county was listed at 132,348. The increase in

# City To Purchase Police Communications Equipment

## County Committee Seeks Assistance On Bicentennial Goals

The Hoke County Bicentennial Committee was urged to plan observances "that will truly commemorate the ideals of 1776" at their meeting last Thursday morning to discuss plans for commemorating the 200th anniversary of the nation's birth.

The introductory message to the county committee also urged them to plan a project which would involve all segments of the county's citizenry, and which would be enjoyed by all.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. J.M. Andrews, Hoke superintendent; D.D. Abernethy; the Rev. John C. Ropp, pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church; and newly appointed chairman Mrs. Laurie McEachern. Mrs. McEachern was recently appointed to replace Paul Dickson, who resigned from the post due to a conflict of activities.

The committee was named by the Hoke County Commissioners at the request of Gov. Robert Scott. The work of the committee will be coordinated with that of the North Carolina Bicentennial Commission, established by authority of the 1969 General Assembly.

The message from the state committee also noted "The first requisite is a sufficiently concerned number of citizens to do something about renewing the spirit of the American Revolution at their 200th."

The committee members were

reminded the spirit was characterized by three major components: gratitude towards the past for a legacy of liberty and abundance; an appreciation of the present, as opposed to what it could be; and an obligation to the future to pass on at least as many blessings as received from the past.

The county committee is inviting all civic, social, church and school groups in the county to make suggestions for the commemoration.

Copies of the North Carolina Bicentennial Gazette, the newspaper published quarterly by the North Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, are available at the library. Also furnished for the public were pamphlets about the bicentennial. All material will be distributed free of charge.

At last week's meeting, several projects already under consideration were discussed. These included the construction of a new office building for the county with space available for adequate county library facilities; a public park with provisions for nature study; and the publication of a detailed, comprehensive history of Hoke County.

Hector McLean of Lumberton is chairman of the North Carolina Bicentennial Commission. Richard T. Gibbs of Raleigh is the executive secretary.

# Special Jury For Scott, Revels Case

A special venire has been ordered from Robeson County for the trial of Johnny Scott and Freddie Revels on charges of felonious breaking, entering, larceny, receiving and safe-cracking.

The order was signed by Superior Court Judge Coy E. Brewer after he determined "that it is necessary in order to provide a fair trial."

Date for the trial has been set for Oct. 2. The order called for 75 jurors to be sent to Hoke County on that date for the trial. A number of other cases are scheduled for that same week-long special session of Superior Court, but the Robeson jury will only try the cases against Scott and Revels.

The two will be tried for the break-in of the ABC Liquor Store on U.S. 401 on April 22, during which a quantity of liquor and cash valued at \$3,000 were stolen. Entry was gained through the roof and the safe was pried open and \$450 in cash was removed along with 46 cases of liquor from the stock room.

Arrest of the two on the breaking, entering, larceny, receiving and safe-cracking charges followed investigations by ABC Board officers J.I. Riley and Robert Yonts and the Hoke County Sheriff's Dept.

A special venire from Cumberland County was called when Scott and Revels were tried last March to the August, 1971, break-in of the Arabia Golf Course.

Also scheduled for trial in the Oct. 2 session of Superior Court is William C. Tanner Jr., charged with feloniously receiving stolen property from the liquor store. His case will be tried by the regular Hoke jury.

Also scheduled for the week-long session are the following cases:

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Ardele Sturdivant, uttering and passing a forged check and injury to personal property; Stoney Scott Locklear, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and malicious injury to personal property; James Earl Collins, assault with a deadly weapon and robbery; Steve Locklear, robbery; Curley Chavis, receiving stolen property; Lois Gilbert Adams, breaking, entering and larceny; Roy Lee Monroe Jr., assault with a deadly weapon and malicious damage to personal property.

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## Road Project Gets Approval

Hoke County has been allocated more than \$3,000 for two secondary road construction projects, it was announced by the State Highway Commission this week.

The funds allocated are to supplement construction of previously approved secondary roads. An estimated \$1,000 will be used to grade and drain 4.7 miles of one road and the remaining \$2,000 will be used to grade, drain, base and pave 1.6 miles of another secondary road.

Approval of the additional funds was voted at the regular September meeting held in Jacksonville.

The Raeford City Council accepted a bid for the purchase of some communications equipment for the Police Dept. at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The low bid of \$2,789.54 came from L.W. Electronics, a firm from Raleigh. The new equipment will enable communications between the Raeford Police Dept. and the Hoke Sheriff's Dept.

Plans include the installation of a sixty foot tower on City Hall property, installation of a base station at the Police Dept. to receive and send calls, and two mobile units for the squad cars.

Two other bids were also submitted for consideration by the council for the equipment. A bid of \$3,544.31 was received from Communications Specialists Inc., a firm representing General Electric products. Aerotron Electronics from Raleigh submitted a bid of \$3,380.

The council also accepted a bid for paving and resurfacing more than 6,000 feet of city streets at their meeting Monday night.

The low bid of \$25,793.63 came from Lee Paving Co., a firm from Sanford, N.C. Another bid from Crowell Contractors of Fayetteville for \$27,009.58 was also submitted for consideration by the council.

The City had to readvertise for bids on the six projects since only two were submitted when they opened bids last month. The same two firms re-bid on the road project this month, with Lee Paving again having the low bid.

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

City manager John Gaddy said representatives from Lee Construction Co. are expected to be in contact with the city this week, with work expected to begin within a short time.

The four roads to be resurfaced are the following: East Edinborough, from Jackson to the cemetery entrance; 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.

The council authorized the sale of four acres of city land adjacent to the Kni-Away property. The land was purchased by the city about two years ago to be used for well sites, but it was determined the land could not be used for this purpose after preliminary work was begun.

Also authorized was the installation of a 15-inch pipe to be used as a storm drain on North Adams Street. The pipe will run the entire length of the street.

The council passed a resolution authorizing the request of two dentists, a dentist and a dental technician from the National Health Service Corps. The request for the resolution was presented the council by D.D. Abernethy, chairman of the Board of Health in Hoke County.

Work on drafting a request for additional medical services was begun last month to supplement the medical care already available in the county. A steering committee headed by Abernethy and including Charles Hostetler, T.B. Lester, T. C. Jones, Ellen Willis, Nellie Flowers, Susan McKenzie, Dr. David Noonan, Mrs. Ann Thompson, Plummer Locklear and

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## Man Charged With Assault

A 17-year-old Hoke County youth has been arrested on a charge of assault on a female with intent to commit rape.

Grady Locklear, Rt. 1, Raeford, was apprehended by Hoke deputies after he allegedly assaulted a five-year-old girl at the home of his grandmother. The warrant was issued on Sept. 9, after the child went home and told her parents about the incident.

Bond was set for Locklear at \$10,000, with a preliminary hearing scheduled for Sept. 15 in Hoke District Court. Investigations were conducted by deputies Johnny Young, Harvey Young and Preston Moore.

## United Fund Budget Committee To Meet

The Budget and Admission Committee for the Hoke County United Fund will meet Thursday night, Sept. 14, at 7:45, in the Board of Education Office.

Chairman of the organization D.D. Abernethy reminds all agencies to prepare budgets and present them at the meeting.

Census Supervisors or Township Lists. County data should be considered preliminary pending the availability of check data from other sources.

The reports from the 100 counties in the state were compiled by the N.C. and U. S. Depts. of Agriculture Crop Reporting Services.

A complete stemization of farm land uses, crops and livestock can be seen on Page 11.