

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

It will not seem the same around McLaughlin Co. Hardware in the future. John Dunc McNeill retired a few months ago and now John D. (Slew) McKeithan has retired. I can't recall when Slew came to work at the store but it was many years ago. I know that the public will miss him but all of us wish him the best in his retirement.

John Scott Poole, chairman of the Board of Elections, said this week that the county registrar would be at Upchurch School Saturday to register voters. This does not mean just for precinct no. five, but for anyone in the county. Poole stated that the registrar would be there until one o'clock but would stay until five o'clock if necessary.

Last Saturday the registrar was at South Hoke School and registered seven voters.

The chairman also said that the registrar would be in the office on October 6 and 9 until five o'clock. October 9 is the last day to register for the November election. So if you are not registered do so today.

The member - guest golf tournament will be held at the Arabia Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. If you haven't signed up, see Raz Autry, club chairman, and he will take your money. On Saturday night a steak supper will be served by the pond. So if you like to play tournament golf, find a friend and sign up today.

A scholarship in memory of Mrs. Rosemary Cameron Wray has been set up and it will go to the High Point Kindergarten where she worked.

If you want to give to this scholarship make your check to the High Point Kindergarten for the Handicapped and mail to the following address:

High Point Kindergarten
For the Handicapped
P. O. Box 5109
High Point, N. C. 27262

Daylight Break-In

A daylight break - in was reported to the Raeford Police Department Sept. 27. Mrs. Howard Steadman, 401 Cutoff, left the house at 12:30 p.m. The Steadman's daughter Beckie returned from high school at 1:15 p.m. to discover the drawers, closets and bedroom had been rifled.

Police say the family has not discovered any items missing but it appeared an attempt had been made to take a color TV set. Entry was gained by removing a window screen on the west end of the building.

C.E. Upchurch, 78, Buried Here Sunday

Clyde Emmett Upchurch, 78, who died Friday morning in Morehead City, was buried here Sunday afternoon. A native and lifelong resident of Raeford, he had been taken to Carteret Hospital from his vacation home at Bogue Sound.

The funeral service was conducted at 3:00 o'clock at Raeford United Methodist Church by the Rev. Herman Winberry, pastor, and the Rev. P.O. Lee, former pastor. Burial was in Raeford cemetery. Pallbearers were Paul Johnson, Tom Cameron, Don Cameron, Lewis Upchurch Jr., Lawrence McGee of Raleigh, Charles Avera of Winston-Salem and Pete Hasty of Maxton.

Oldest son of the late Thomas B. Upchurch and Mollie Johnson Upchurch, Mr. Upchurch was active in many areas of the life of this community for more than half a century, until his age and health began to slow him down.

He attended Raeford Institute and Oak Ridge Military Academy.

Interested in all sports, most as participant and many as spectator, he was a fierce competitor in every game from baseball to bridge. "Shorty" Upchurch was known around the state for his baseball ability and was considered by many experts to be an infielder of major league potential. The Raeford teams on which he played took on all comers and asked no favors of any.

He started work for Raeford Power & Manufacturing Co. about 1911, and was president of this company for the past 25 years. The company, founded by his father, furnished power to Raeford for some years until the area was taken over by Carolina Power & Light Co. The power came from the Upchurch Pond dam on Rockfish Creek about a dozen miles southeast of Raeford, and in his early days with the company he was involved in line maintenance. A story his associates used to tell about his prowess as a lineman was to the effect he could climb a pole, drop his hat and beat it to the ground.

Not confining his love of sports to the playing field, Mr. Upchurch was considered a great quail shot, and liked other types of hunting and fishing. As

long as he was able he fished at Bogue Sound. An extensive farmer, he built Raeford into a sizable watermelon shipping point some years ago. During his active years Mr. Upchurch served in most worthwhile community undertakings. He worked many years as a member of the Raeford Fire Department, the official board of the Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club, Town board and in other ways. He was married to the former Alice Johnson of this community, who survives him. Also surviving are three sons, Clyde, Jr., William Lawrence, and Thomas Joseph, all of Raeford; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas A. Caulk of Middleburg, Va., and Mrs. Robert S. McCleskey of Winston-Salem; three sisters, Mrs. R.B. Lewis and Mrs. H.A. Cameron of Raeford and Mrs. A.M. McGee of Raleigh; one brother, Thomas B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Local Revenue Sharing To Top \$380,000

Revenue sharing is about to become a reality in Hoke County says the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

The revenue sharing bill has passed Congress and President Nixon is expected to sign the bill next week.

Hoke authorities have received no official notification of the amount of money to expect from revenue sharing but unofficial sources report Hoke County to receive \$317,000 and Raeford is expected to get \$70,000.

A letter from the state association was introduced at Monday's meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting. It contained some guidelines on the use of the funds.

Funds apparently may be used for public safety, law enforcement, fire, sewage disposal, public transportation, budgeting and library service among other areas.

A budget and expenditure list must be submitted at the end of the year with copies of reports to local newspapers.

Bus Buy OK'd

At their regular monthly meeting Monday night the Hoke County Board of Education voted to purchase the Elementary, Secondary Education Act activity busses for \$3,150.

Responsibility for operation and maintenance was assigned to Hoke High School but all schools will be able to use the busses for school activities.

The board approved the use of volunteer teacher aides under a plan to be devised and supervised by the individual school principals and approved by the superintendent.

John Huffman, area director of occupation education, presented a slide program on the importance of occupational emphasis in the public schools.

Huffman described a career awareness program for the early grades, an occupational exploration program for the middle grades and an occupational education program for upper grade students wishing to learn skills needed in the world of work.

The board approved the hiring of substitutes Mrs. Virginia McPhatter, Kathy Ann Bounds and Mrs. Mildred L. Staton. Teachers appointed for the current school year were Rosilyn K. Purcell, special education, Raeford Elementary School; and Sarah S. Calhoun, third grade, West Hoke School.

The next Board of Education meeting is Nov. 6, the regularly scheduled date.

Scott, Revels Found Not Guilty Of ABC Charges

Armed Robbery Nets \$801 Plus Weapons

Two separate crimes, an armed robbery and a break-in, in the Davis Bridge section were reported to the sheriff's office within half an hour Saturday night.

In the armed robbery about 9:30 p.m. three men entered Jackson's Store near the Hoke - Robeson line. One man pulled a sawed off shotgun from his jacket sleeve and forced an employee to lie on the floor.

The three men left on foot with \$800 from the cash register, a .32 caliber pistol, a double barreled shot gun and some shells plus \$1 taken from a customer.

About 30 minutes earlier a break-in at the Crawford Woods' residence was reported. Entry was gained by removing a kitchen window screen while the family was shopping at Jackson's Store.

A shotgun and rifle were reported missing. Investigating officer in both incidents was Alex S. Norton, deputy sheriff.

Man Arrested In Auto Theft

James Heanegan, Raeford, was booked in county jail and charged with auto larceny in connection with the theft of a sedan taken from the Crumpler Funeral Home Sunday morning.

The car, owned by Frank Crumpler, was involved in an accident at Ft. Bragg Sunday afternoon. Raeford Police Chief James E. Lamont and Sgt. J. R. Riley investigated.

Local Mental Health Offices Are Moved

The Sandhills Mental Health Center announces the opening of its new Raeford offices in the rear of the Thomas and Davis Realty Company office on Harris Avenue next to the Family Restaurant.

In the past staff members from the Mental Health Center were seeing people at the Hoke County Social Services Offices and the Hoke County Health Department.

Demand for services has increased to the point additional office space was needed. The new facility affords needed space and allows expanded services in Hoke County.

The offices will initially be open Monday through Thursday with staff members scheduling appointments during those days.

Mrs. Iola King of the Mental Health Center will continue to see patients at the Hoke County Health Department as she has in the past.

Telephones are to be installed this week and as soon as a phone number is assigned it will be publicized and listed in the new Raeford directory.

Adult outpatient services in Hoke County include seeing adult patients for initial clinic visits, determining the nature of problems, and follow up therapy.

Referrals are accepted from any source including self referral. Clinic fees, based on a sliding scale, take into account family income plus number of dependents.

Aftercare services for patients discharged from Dorothea Dix Hospital is also available on a regular basis. Out patient services include individual, marital and group therapy.

School Lunches Up Five Cents

Lunches at Hoke County Schools will cost five cents more beginning Monday. D.D. Abernethy, superintendent of schools, said the new price at elementary schools will be 35 cents and at the high school it will be 40 cents. Price of breakfast served at South Hoke School will not change.

Abernethy blamed increased food and labor costs for the price raise which he said had been needed for some time but was delayed until absolutely necessary.

Holiday Hours

All Federal offices will close Monday in observance of Columbus Day. The Post Office will be closed and there will be no city or rural carrier mail deliveries.

All public schools, county and city offices will maintain regular hours on Monday. Most Raeford stores will be open.



SWEETS FOR THE GOBLINS - Jack Bray, (left), Quality Motors owner, kicks off the Raeford Lion's Club annual Halloween candy sale by purchasing a bag of candy from Lion Ashwell Harward. Proceeds from the sale, which is Oct. 11, 7 to 9 p.m., will aid the Lion's work with the blind in Hoke County.

Commissioners Hear Audit Sandhills College Reports

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners passed a motion at their regular monthly meeting Monday requesting the State Highway Department place McDuffie Road on the state maintained road system. The action was taken in response to a petition by McDuffie Road landowners.

In other action the board approved payment to the Veterans Service offices for a grave marker to replace one with an error in engraving.

Commissioner John Balfour made a motion that William T. Niven, Civil Defense director, be permitted to participate in the retirement program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tom McBryde.

A letter of resignation from the SEDC Board received from William R. Windley was accepted with regret.

Action on a request from Mrs. Almata Parker to exchange land at Wayside Community House was postponed until the Board could study maps of the area. An addition to the Community House is partially on land belonging to Mrs. Parker.

Appearing before the Board were Mrs. Ruth McEachern, chairman Hoke County Bicentennial Committee, Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president Sandhills Community College, Kenneth Davis, accountant and Mrs. Missouri Oxendine.

Mrs. Oxendine requested financial support from the county on behalf of Antioch Community Organization, an incorporated non-profit organization. Funds were requested to help finish a day care multi purpose center which the organization has partly finished. The board denied Mrs. Oxendine's request because there are no funds in the budget for this purpose. But the Commissioners agreed to investigate other sources of government funds.

Doctor Stone reported on the programs and progress of Sandhills Community College in Hoke County. He expressed his appreciation to the board for the rent and maintenance free classroom space.

It was pointed out that although many Hoke residents attend Sandhill classes, Moore County spends \$2,500 in monthly salaries in the Hoke County program. Paul Dickson, college trustee accompanied Doctor Stone at the meeting.

Mrs. McEachern spoke on the overall state plans for the Bicentennial celebration and briefed the board on the progress of the local committee.

Tuesday afternoon a jury of seven men and five women chosen from a special venire from Robeson County found Johnny Scott and Freddie Revels Jr., innocent of charges against them in connection with the April 22 break-in of the ABC Liquor Store on U.S. 401. The jury deliberated less than an hour before reaching a verdict.

Each of the defendants, tried in a special session of Superior Court, were charged with breaking and entering, larceny and safecracking. Presiding over the court was the Honorable Joshua S. James, Jack A. Thompson, Twelfth Solicitorial District, served as solicitor.

Tanner testified he had also made four \$100 payments on the liquor for which Scott was asking \$800. The witness said he had sold some of the liquor in Robeson County.

Tanner recounted he had poured some of the liquor down the sink just before his own arrest in June. Under cross examination by defense attorney H. F. Seawell Jr., Tanner admitted he had not seen Scott and Revels carry the cases of liquor into his trailer.

Liquor Value
Russell Wayne Ashburn, employed in the liquor store, told of discovering 45 cases of liquor and \$450 in cash missing from the premises. He gave the wholesale value of the liquor at between \$1,650 and \$1,700 and retail value at \$2,600.

Ashburn described a hole in the ceiling of the building and damage to a rear door padlock. He also identified cases of liquor brought into court as those taken from the store the night of the break-in.

Tools and Soil
Frank Blue, a prosecution witness, testified he thought his car had been taken from outside his residence during the night of April 21 - 22. He told of discovering on the morning of April 22 damage to the trunk of the car and finding red mud inside the vehicle, grass on the outside and an ax handle, crowbar and ax head in the trunk.

Blue said the car was not in that condition the night before. Blue also testified the car could have been taken without his knowledge because the car was parked some distance from his bedroom and all windows were closed in his air conditioned home. He testified (See SCOT 1, Page 13)

Dog Amendment Passed, Council Considers Cable TV

The Raeford City Council passed an amendment to the existing city ordinance on control of dogs at its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Included in the amendment are provisions which make it unlawful to keep within the city limits a dog which habitually or repeatedly chases, snaps or barks at pedestrians, bicycles or vehicles. Under the new law it is illegal to keep a dog that turns over garbage pails, or damages gardens. It is also illegal to allow a female dog in season to run at large.

It was announced at the meeting the city had received \$41,967.22 in annual Powell Bill allocation to be used for street

maintenance. This is more than double last year's allocation.

Auditor Kenneth Davis, A.K. Lovin and Co., Red Springs, presented the annual audit report covering fiscal year 1971-72. All accounts were reported to be in good financial condition.

James R. Humphrey, William L. Brown and Co., a Colorado corporation, requested a franchise to install, operate and maintain a cable television system in Raeford. He said subscribers to the firm, to be called Raeford Cablevision, would receive 11 channels.

Humphrey also reported some limited stock would be made available to businessmen in the local area. The council referred the proposal to the city attorney for study.

Man Charged In Auto Theft

A preliminary hearing has been set Oct. 13 for Johnny Jones, Fayetteville. Jones is being held in Hoke County Jail charged with breaking, entering, larceny and receiving in connection with the theft of a 1971 car from inside the Hoke Auto Company Friday night. Bond in the case was set at \$6,000.

Sgt. J.R. Riley and Patrolman Lloyd Leazer, Raeford policemen, discovered a broken window on the east side of the Auto Company building while on a routine check about midnight Friday.

The stolen vehicle, which was found abandoned on a rural road at 3:30 a.m. Saturday by members of the Sheriff's Department, was not damaged.

Jones was arrested later Saturday morning by Sergeant Riley.

Road Work Bids Opened

Included in bids totaling \$11,738,162.57 received this week by the State Highway Commission were bids for improving more than 31 miles of roads in Hoke, Scotland and Moore Counties.

The work would include sand, asphalt and bituminous concrete surface for resurfacing eight sections of primary roads and seven sections of secondary roads.

The apparent low bidder was Lee Paving Co., Inc., Sanford, with \$196,963.56. Final completion date of the improvements is July 1, 1973.

All apparent low bids will be reviewed by the State Highway Commission when it meets in Kannapolis, today.