

## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

It was good to see Neill James Blue back in town this week after being in a hospital in Florida for a number of weeks. He looked like he was feeling fine and I hope he will continue to be up and about.

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The trip to Canada by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neeley and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Monroe must have been an exciting one after talking to Dick and Graham. I would try to relate a few details of the trip except I can't seem to get the facts exactly right.

Graham and Dick have different versions of anything that is brought out. I haven't seen Jessie but Helen said to print anything they said because it might be true and after the fine time she had it wouldn't make any difference.

Anyway, they had a nice trip and a fine time.

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The following article appeared recently in a High Point newspaper in a column headed "Around Town" written by Faye Marks.

### They Didn't Have A Chance To Say Goodbye

Days at the High Point Kindergarten for the Handicapped are usually happy because the staff and children work to make it so.

A day about two months ago was no exception, but there were little extra sparkles in the eyes of the children. Mrs. Rosemary Wray, who held a master's degree in special education and at that time had been an employe of the kindergarten for over a year and director for several months, had been named "Boss of the Week" in a local radio competition. The pupils gave her a party and together with the staff had written her a poem entitled "Ballot for 1972" which ended, "November, nineteen seventy-two, We are casting our vote for you."

The children liked her and they showed it at the party. The tragic note of finality to her promotion as director, the winning of the competition, the love of the children, and the respect of the staff - all hers at age 27 - was that in two months life itself would end for her.

Mrs. Wray, as news accounts of her murder have already revealed, was brutally stabbed to death on Sept. 16 while on vacation at Myrtle Beach, S.C. A vivacious, longhaired redhead who had won some beauty contests in her hometown of Raeford, she was found dead in a ditch near the edge of the beach - stabbed 13 times by someone wielding a knife with a seven-inch blade.

Myrtle Beach police arrested Air Force Sgt. Donnie Lemons, 23, at his Myrtle Beach apartment the next morning and Lemons is being held without bail on the murder charge.

This was one of those cases, not too rare now, when the victim had apparently never known, had never seen, the murderer. Mrs. Wray and three girlfriends had rented a beach apartment for a 10-day vacation. According to the coroner who investigated the case, the girls had lighted a charcoal fire and were getting ready to fix some hamburgers for dinner when Mrs. Wray decided to walk down the beach.

The girls heard her screaming shortly afterward and ran onto the beach in time to see a man running away. The coroner reported that Mrs. Wray was neither robbed nor sexually assaulted; she was stabbed to death for no apparent reason.

The letter which the staff and children submitted to the "Boss of the Week" competition contained a sentence which, in retrospect, adds an epitaph to her life. "Her sunny smile," it stated, "makes everyone around her feel that life is good and worth living to the fullest."

"With a voice of gentleness, authority, and understanding," it continued, "she helps to stimulate each employe to provide worthwhile experiences for the very special children left in their care."

And the very special children got together with the staff and wrote Mrs. Wray another poem after they had been told of her death. It wasn't as happy a poem as the first one:

"Mrs. Wray came to us one day; We thought she came to stay; For us she labored hard and long; And before we knew it she was gone. We know our loss is Heaven's gain; But Mrs. Wray we miss you just the same; Forgive us when we have to cry; We didn't even say goodbye."

## Bowles Will

### Visit Here

Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, the Democratic nominee for governor of North Carolina, will visit Raeford Oct. 18. The visit was announced by J.H. McNeill, Hoke County manager for Bowles.

McNeill said the gubernatorial candidate is expected to arrive at the Hoke County courthouse at 9:30 a.m. and is scheduled to remain in Raeford about an hour.

# United Fund Drive To Begin Monday



COUNTY SQUAD TO THE RESCUE - Vehicle belonging to the Hoke County Rescue Squad is seen at right in picture taken at scene of three-car accident on U.S. 401 North on Oct. 4. Squad ambulance transported some of seven injured to Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Overturned car is visible on left between tow truck and State Highway patrolman.



Younger Snead, Jr.

## City Airport Work Begins

Construction work began Monday at the Raeford Airport. The work includes clearing, paving, building an apron and lighting. It is due for completion within 100 calendar days.

A pre-construction conference was held at City Hall Oct. 3 to set the final arrangements for the project. Discussed at the meeting were wage rates, use of apprentices and fair labor standards.

C. W. Mathews, Marietta, Ga., is grading and paving contractor on the project. Lighting and electricity work will be done by Rockwell Radio and Electric Co., Rockwell.

## Shiloh Ingathering

Shiloh Presbyterian Church at McCain will hold its annual Barbecue Community Supper and Ingathering next Thurs., Oct. 19, with meals available from 5 to 8 p.m. Both Barbecue and Chicken plates will be available. Profits will go to establish a Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund begun last summer with a bequest from the late Mrs. Rome Smoak, who taught school for many years at Montrose. You are invited to eat in the Church fellowship hall in this annual community event. Also, plates will be available to take out. The public is cordially invited to come.

# HEW May Send Doctors, Dentist To Hoke County

D.D. Abernethy, Hoke County Board of Health chairman, said this week he is optimistic medical personnel may be assigned to Hoke County through the House Education and Welfare Department's National Health Service Corp Program. The chairman estimated the program could be in operation by July.

HEW has reviewed the application and two HEW representatives, Sue Patterson and Martha MacDonald, were in Raeford Oct. 4 to check the facilities, suites of offices in the Raeford Medical Building and the Hoke County Health Center.

The County Health Department requested two physicians one dentist be

assigned here. The National Health Service Corps will review the requests in mid October and a final ruling is expected in mid November.

Under the program doctors are assigned to areas which need additional medical personnel. By participating in this plan the medical personnel are able to fulfill their military obligations or receive tuition forgiveness for education obtained at government expense.

If the request is approved, salaries for the assigned personnel will be paid by the government but fees commensurate with others in the area will be charged. Operating expenses will be paid from the fees collected and the fee will be supervised by a local committee.

Abernethy reports the program will run for two years. At the end of each year of operation half the profits from the fund may be returned to the Federal

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# Two County Accidents Leave One Dead And Nine Injured

Two separate accidents in Hoke County this week resulted in one traffic fatality and 9 injuries.

A Michigan man died following a two-car crash Friday morning on N. C. 211 at McCain and two other men were injured. All were admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital, Pinehurst.

Elwood Devon Holder, 20, of Kentwood City, Mich., succumbed on Saturday.

Stephen Pone, Raeford, underwent surgery and on Wednesday morning was reported in improved condition by hospital personnel. Also injured in the accident was

Linwood Franklin Lee, Wyoming, Mich. Lee was treated at the hospital and later released.

State Highway Patrolman E. W. Coen said, Pone was driving west on the highway and attempting to make a left hand turn at the time of the accident. The other car driven by Lee was traveling east. Holder was a passenger in Lee's vehicle.

Coen reported both cars towed from the scene with an estimated combined damage of \$1,900.

A three-car accident on U.S. 401 North on Oct. 4 sent seven people to hospitals. Admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital were Roland Davis Puncell, Raeford; Frankie Harris, Raeford; Harriet MacKay, Alexandria, Va.; Anne MacKay, and Janey MacKay, both of Elm City.

Two other injured, Mrs. Floyd Station Atkins and Major (Ret) Atkins were admitted to Womack Army Hospital. Wednesday morning Cape Fear See ACCIDENT, Page 11

## Church Revival Program Set

Revival services will be held at the Raeford United Methodist Church Oct. 15 through 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. H. Arthur Phillips Jr., a native of North Tazewell, Va. He received his B.A. from Emory and Henry College and his master of divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School.

During 1968-72 he was president of the Board of Christian Social Concerns in the North Carolina Conference. He is chairman of the Sanford District Council on Ministries.

The Reverend Phillips and his wife, the former Margaret Atkins, have four children. He is serving in the ministry of the Carthage United Methodist Church in Carthage.

A social hour will be held in the church fellowship hall following Sunday night service. Wednesday is youth night with supper served to young people at 6:30 p.m.

Other special features include singing by the high school chorale Sunday evening, handbell choir performance Monday night, men of the church singing Tuesday, young people's music



Rev. H. Arthur Phillips, Jr.

presentation Wednesday and the Chancel Choir performance Thursday. The public is invited to attend.

# Judge Directs Not Guilty Verdict In Tanner Case

In a special session of Superior Court last week the Honorable Joshua S. James heard a case against William C. Tanner Jr. where Tanner entered a Solo Contendere plea.

Tanner was charged with feloniously receiving stolen property taken from the ABC Liquor Store on U.S. 401 last April. Earlier in the same special court session a jury had found Johnny Scott and Freddie Revels Jr., innocent of breaking, entering, larceny and safe cracking in connection with the ABC break - in. Tanner had testified in that trial.

Judge James said in view of the outcome of the Scott, Revels case, the court directed a verdict of innocent in the Tanner case.

Also in connection with the ABC Store break - in, Nol Pros was taken in two cases against Tanner in Magistrates Court last week. These charged Tanner with selling intoxicating tax - paid liquor and possession of a quantity of tax - paid liquor.

In other action a jury drawn from the Hoke County venire returned an innocent verdict in a case charging William Roland Beckwith, Raeford, with DUI fourth

offense. Stony Scott Locklear, Red Springs, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill pled guilty to the lesser included offense of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Locklear received a four to five year sentence suspended if he pays a \$100 fine and restitution of \$783.80. He was placed on three years probation.

Locklear was charged in the shooting of Homer Cummings last April. The state took Nol Pros in two other cases against Locklear charging assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and malicious injury to personal property.

James Quincey Lewis, Shannon, DUI 2nd offense, was sentenced to 6 months in prison to run concurrently with present sentence.

William George Winburn Jr., Shannon, speeding 80 in a 55 zone and careless and reckless driving, 30 days suspended if \$100 fine and court costs paid by Oct. 6.

Ardell Sturdivant, Raeford, sentenced to three to four years with credit for time spent in jail, after entering a guilty plea to uttering a forged check. The check was drawn on the account of Wyatt Upchurch

in the Bank of Raeford in the amount of \$75 in July 1972. The state took Nol Pros in a second charge against Sturdivant, injury to personal property.

Clinton White, Raeford, entered a guilty plea to DUI second offense and driving without a valid operator's license. He received a four months sentence with the recommendation he be placed on the work release program.

Samuel F. Fox, Asheboro, entered a guilty plea to misdemeanor larceny and was sentenced to 18 months to two years. The sentence was suspended and Fox was placed on probation for two years with the stipulation he pay \$350 restitution at the rate of \$75 a month. Fox was convicted in connection with a theft of property belonging to the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp.

Lois Gilbert Adams, Hope Mills, entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to the lesser included offense of larceny. She was originally charged with breaking, entering and larceny in connection with the April 1972 theft at the Raeford residence of Roy Shockley. She received an 18 month sentence suspended for two years on condition she pay a fine of

\$100, costs and restitution. Payments to be completed in four months.

Johnny Blount, Fayetteville, received a six-month sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. Blount pled guilty to speeding 90 in a 60 mile zone, careless and reckless driving and DUI.

Curley Chavis, Robeson County, was sentenced to 12 to 18 months suspended upon payment of \$100 fine, costs and restitution. Chavis entered a guilty plea to receiving stolen property in connection with the theft of guns and other items from the George Wilson residence in Red Springs last February.

The state took Nol Pros with leave in the following cases: Paul McNeill, Jr., Raeford, breaking, entering and larceny; Laverne McMillan, alias Laverne Morrissy, Raeford, housebreaking and larceny; George A. Connor, Ft. Bragg, safecracking, breaking, entering and larceny.

Nol Pros without leave was taken in cases against John Ralph Danford, Raeford, racing; and Coleman McKay, Fayetteville, racing.

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