

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The weather Sunday was as bad as I can remember. The all-day rain and mist left much to be desired. I was on the highway for a few hours and driving was a job. About the time you could get your windshield clean, you would meet a car and it would be dirty again.

I hope that this will blow over and that Thanksgiving Day will be a fair and warm day. Anyway best wishes for Turkey Day.

The following was handed to me by a businessman in Hoke County and he said it reminded him of some of his workers. THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN recently carried the following accident report submitted by a West Indies bricklayer to his supervisor with a request for sick leave.

Asked to bring down some excess bricks from the third floor, the workman rigged up a beam and pulley, hoisted up a barrel, and tied it in place. After filling the barrel with bricks, he returned to the ground and untied the rope, intending to lower the barrel to the ground.

Unfortunately, he had misjudged the weight of the bricks. As the barrel started down, it jerked him off the ground so fast and so far that he was afraid to let go. Halfway up, he met the barrel coming down and received a severe blow on the shoulder.

"I then continued to the top," continued the bricklayer, "banging my head against the beam and getting my fingers jammed in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground it burst its bottom, allowing the bricks to spill out. I was now heavier than the barrel and so I started down again at high speed.

"Halfway down I met the barrel coming up and received severe injuries to my shins. When I hit the ground I landed on the bricks, getting several painful cuts from the sharp edges.

"At this point, I must have lost my presence of mind because I let go of the line. The barrel then came down, giving me another heavy blow on the head and putting me in the hospital.

"I rest... I rest... I rest... I rest..."

The following tale was told to me several weeks ago while attending a meeting in Raleigh.

A man was walking through a graveyard late one afternoon and fell into an open grave. Being short of stature he knew that it would be impossible to get out of the grave so he moved to one corner and made himself as comfortable as possible.

Another man came through the graveyard and fell in the same grave. The man started yelling and climbing the walls to get out. After about 15 minutes the little man in the corner said to the man climbing the walls, "You can't get out!" But he did.

ASC Ballots Due At Office Dec. 1

By Thomas R. Burgess

DEADLINE FOR VOTING IN ASC ELECTIONS NEAR - The deadline for voting in the ASC committeemen election is only eight days away. Chairman of the Hoke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee, in a final plea for all eligible farm voters to return their marked ballots to the County ASC Office by December 1.

McNeill reminded farmers they must not mark their ballots for more than three candidates. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes becomes chairman of the community committee; second largest, vice chairman; third largest, regular member; and fourth and fifth largest become first and second alternates.

The County ASC Committee chairman emphasized the steps each farmer should follow to make sure his ballot remains secret and will be eligible for counting: One. Vote for one, two, or three candidates by selecting from listed nominees or writing in choices on bottom of ballot; Two. Place marked ballot inside plain envelope and seal; Three. Place plain envelope inside certification envelope and address to County Office and seal; Four. Sign and date back of certification envelope. Five. Mail certification envelope or return it to County ASCS office by Dec. 1.

Train Hits Truck, Driver Injured

George Wood, Board of Education audio visual specialist, was injured Thursday shortly before 11 a. m. when the panel truck he was driving was hit by a train at the Laurinburg and Southern railroad crossing on highway 1142 near South Hoke School.

Highway Patrolman E.W. Coen said Wood was taken to the Raeford Medical Group where sutures were taken in one eyebrow. He said Wood's head was scraped and his stomach and chest hit the steering wheel. He was not hospitalized. According to Coen the train hit the left rear of the truck which was damaged beyond repair. Damage to the train was

Judge Brewer Gives Death Sentence Following Conviction Of Washington

Christmas Street Decorations Set

The Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce and Raeford Merchants Association announced Christmas activity plans last week.

Work will begin on erection of Christmas street decorations Thanksgiving Day and a Christmas tree will be placed on the courthouse lawn.

The Chamber and Merchants Association members voted not to have a Christmas parade this year because the cost of bands and marching units at this time of year is excessive.

Santa Claus will arrive in an airplane and will sky dive into Raeford at the Edenborough Center, across from the A&P, at 4:45 p.m. Dec. 1.

The Hoke High School band will present a concert during the jump. Then Santa will ride up Main St. to the courthouse in the Raeford fire truck led by the band.

The program of the courthouse lawn will include a seasonal music concert by the Hoke High School band under the direction of Jimmy James. The Rev. John Ropp, Raeford Ministerial Association president, will deliver a Christmas message.

Then the Christmas tree will be lighted by city and county officials and Sam C. Morris, Chamber president. The program will conclude with a concert of holiday music by the Hoke High School combined chorus and chorale under the direction of Mrs. Neill A. McNeill.

No Error Ruling

Last week two men whose Superior Court trials were found to contain no error by the North Carolina Court of Appeals turned themselves in at the Hoke County Sheriff's Office.

The two were convicted of larceny and conspiracy for the Dec. 27, 1971 robbery of the Burlington Worsted Plant. They were taken to Central Prison in Raleigh to begin serving their sentences.

Boyd L. Cox Jr., Raeford, is serving consecutive sentences of 10 years for larceny and seven to nine years for conspiracy. Calvin McLean (Mack) Jackson St. Pauls is serving consecutive sentences of nine to 10 years for larceny and seven to nine years for conspiracy.



25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON - Observing the 25th anniversary of the National Retired Teachers Association at a luncheon in the Family Restaurant are, from left, Mrs. John Walker, Miss Josephine Hall, T.C. Jones, Miss Maude Poole, Mrs. Archie Howard and Mrs. Tom McLaughlin.

Hoke Rape Case Tests High Court

In an attempt to confront the U. S. Supreme Court on its ruling on capital punishment the jury in the Junior Lee Washington rape trial was given no voice in determining the sentence.

Judge Coy E. Brewer says he interprets the Supreme Court ruling to declare the death sentence unconstitutional when the choice is left to the unbridled discretion of the jury. Brewer points out the high court has not ruled on capital punishment when the judge and not the jury determines the sentence.

Two Women Injured In Auto Accident

Two Raeford women were hospitalized Saturday following an accident on East Central Ave. near McDuffie St. Blanche Sanders Wright, 35, was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville and Mary Parks Hardison, 56, was admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst.

Tuesday morning hospital personnel reported Mrs. Hardison was still in Robbins intensive care unit and Mrs. Wright was in satisfactory condition.

Raeford police Sgt. J. R. Riley said a car driven by Mrs. Hardison was traveling west on Central Ave. when a vehicle driven by Augustus G. Kennedy, Bennettsville, S. C., pulled out onto the road.

It appeared Mrs. Hardison tried to avoid colliding with Kennedy's vehicle and lost control of her car. The Hardison vehicle collided with Mrs. Wright's vehicle which was parked in a gas station, Riley reports.

Estimated damage to the front end and right rear side of the Hardison vehicle is \$2,000. Damage to the rear of the Wright car was estimated at \$1,500. Kennedy's vehicle was not damaged, police say.

Riley cited Mrs. Hardison for exceeding a safe speed and Kennedy for failure to look before starting.

Applications For 1973 Plates

Application cards for 1973 license plates will be mailed Dec. 1, 8 and 20. Department of Motor Vehicles officials expect the mailing, estimated at more than 3,700,000 cards, to be delivered by Jan. 1.

The 1973 red and white plates will go on sale Jan. 2, at the Chamber of Commerce building, 120 W. Edinboro Ave. The 1972 plates expire Dec. 31 but owners of properly registered vehicles have through Feb. 15 to obtain new plates.

Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday and Saturday with the exception of Jan. 3 and 10 and Feb. 7 and 14 when the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The local license agent, Miss Frances W. Greene, points out plates can not be issued without a completed application card. In order to keep lines from forming and to speed up processing Miss Greene recommends the application be completed before presenting it at the license office.

Motor vehicle owners who do not receive application cards by Jan. 1 should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "Owners should act promptly since it will take from ten days to two weeks to receive a card," reports Miss Greene.

State School Fund Audit

Hoke County schools received more than two million dollars from the state nine months school fund for the 1971 - 72 fiscal year. These figures are based on an audit of the fund by the State Board of Education, released recently by Controller A.C. Davis.

Included in the total were General Control \$31,080 for such items as salaries for superintendent, assistant superintendents and clerical help and travel and office expenses in the superintendent's office.

Instructional services totaled \$1,558,686 for teachers, principals, supervisors and clerical wages and instructional supplies.

Plant operation funds of \$82,984 for telephones, fuel, water, other utilities and janitors wages.

Compensation fund totaling \$222,764 for tort claims, reimbursement to injured school children, and employers retirement and social security costs.

Auxiliary agency funds totaled \$123,411 for bus drivers and mechanics wages, operation of buses, library supplies, child health programs and kindergartens.

North Carolina school units received nearly \$487 million dollars from the fund. That's an increase of slightly more than 6% over the previous year.

The nine months school fund includes the bulk of the state money allocated for public education.

L.W. Phillips Is Promoted

L.G. Franm, vice president and general manager of Raeford Turkey Farms, announced the appointment of Larry Wayne Phillips, to the position of personnel director.

Phillips attended local schools and graduated from East Carolina University with a major in business administration. He is married to the former Martha Alice Upchurch and they have one child, William Bradley. The Phillips family resides in Raeford.

1 Man Wounded In Club Shooting

Sheriff's deputies Alex Norton, Preston Moore and J.R. Young are investigating the shooting of David Green. Green was taken to the Raeford Police Station about 2 a.m. Sunday by Henry Green. Sheriff's report indicates David Green was shot in the abdomen, chest and neck with a small caliber pistol at the Adult Club on Saunter Extension. The injured man is in satisfactory condition at Cape Fear Valley Hospital.

Deputies Harvey Young and Chester Price are investigating a second shooting incident which took place about 4:30 a.m. Sunday at the Tom Holland residence, Rt. 1 Shannon.

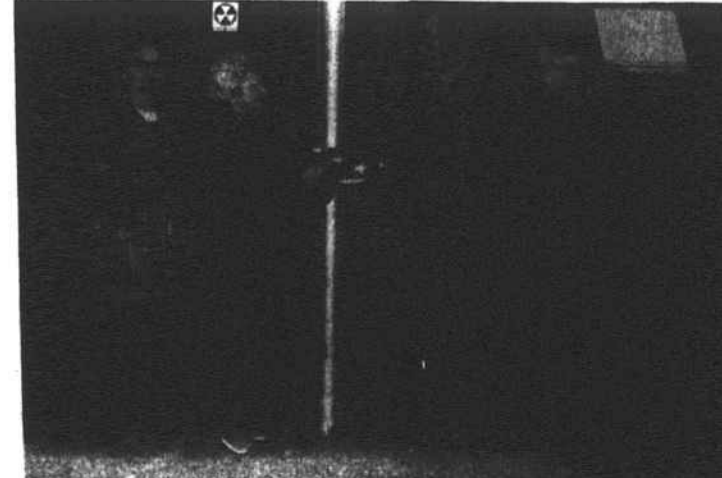
Holland told the investigating officers someone fired from a rural paved road shooting out a window in his home. Holland then heard a car race away, deputies say.

Sales Tax Report

The October report from the State of North Carolina Dept. of Revenue listed the net collection in Hoke County for the local one percent sales and use tax as \$13,175.54.

The report for the quarter ending Sept. 30 shows a net collection of \$40,848.62; cost of collection was \$409.71 and net dist proceeds were \$40,438.91.

The quarterly report shows per capita distribution of \$33,864.16 for Hoke County and \$6,574.75 for Raeford.



WOW PRESENTS FLAG - Monday representatives of Woodmen of the World presented an American flag to be flown from the pole in front of Hoke County Courthouse. From left, Elizabeth Livingston, WOW Grove 6179 treasurer, Mary Ruth Haire, Grove president, presenting flag, Archie Byrne, Hoke County building superintendent, accepting flag on behalf of county officials, and Carson Davis, WOW field representative.

In what may well be a landmark case Superior Court Judge Coy E. Brewer shortly before 3 p.m. Thursday pronounced death in the gas chamber on Dec. 8, for Junior Lee Washington, 22, Red Springs.

Washington received the death sentence for raping Mrs. Patricia Adams, 22, on Aug. 2. He was given life in prison in a companion charge of kidnaping and 10 years for felonious breaking and entering. Each sentence is to begin at the expiration of the preceding one.

Carl Barrington Jr., Washington's attorney, offered no defense but gave notice of appeal to the state Supreme Court on all three convictions. Judge Brewer granted the defense 55 days to file the case and gave the state 25 days to serve the counter case.

Washington will be held in Central Prison, Raleigh, without bond, pending the outcome of the appeal. The court appointed Barrington to serve as the convicted man's attorney in the appeal proceedings.

The four - day trial concluded when the all-male jury returned the guilty verdicts after deliberating just over an hour and a half.

At one point during deliberations the jury requested to visit the scenes of the crimes but Judge Brewer denied the request because the case was closed and the time for admitting new evidence had passed. Ten minutes later the jury returned the verdicts.

Wednesday morning Washington asked permission to select another attorney. Brewer denied the request but told the defendant he could call another lawyer and if that attorney were willing he could sit as an associate defense attorney with Barrington.

The trial was delayed about two hours while Washington tried to contact a lawyer. James VanCamp an attorney from Carthage arrived, conferred with the defendant and Barrington but did not accept the case.

Testimony in the case revealed Washington drove to Mrs. Adams' home just before noon Aug. 1. He asked when her husband would be home to discuss yard work. Mrs. Adams stated the man said his first name was Junior but she could not recall his last name.

The slightly built Washington left when he found George Adams would be home in a few minutes. He returned around 10 a.m. the next day and forced his way into the house after asking for a glass of water. He shut the two Adams children in one bedroom and raped Mrs. Adams in another bedroom.

Throughout the two-hour ordeal Mrs. Adams said Washington threatened her with a knife and she feared for her life.

He then forced the young housewife to drive to an outlying area off U. S. 401 South near the Scotland County line. The second assault took place on Field Road about four tenths of a mile from a house occupied by Mrs. Nellie Green.

Mrs. Green testified Mrs. Adams came to her home crying for help. Ernest Laverne Parker testified he gave Washington a ride from near Mrs. Green's home to the Hoke High School parking lot late the morning of Aug. 2. Parker's description of Washington's clothing tallied with the one given to authorities by Mrs. Adams.

Sheriff D. M. Barrington read the statement Mrs. Adams had given him shortly after the incident and it corroborated her testimony on the stand earlier.

Sheriff Barrington testified an all points bulletin went out before he knew the name of the man they wanted. He said they had the full name shortly after that. Washington was picked up based on Mrs. Adams description of him and his car. Information from Scotland County authorities, knowledge of the area where the rape was committed and previous information known to Sheriff Barrington.

The sheriff said no fingerprints were found on the glass Washington drank from at the Adams' home because of its rough surface. He also stated no attempt was made to find fingerprints on Mrs. Adams' car because Washington was wearing gloves.

The Sheriff described the line up of eight men viewed by Mrs. Adams late on the afternoon of Aug. 2. Mrs. Adams said she picked out Junior Lee Washington in the line-up almost immediately. She also identified Washington in the courtroom as the man who raped her.

In his closing arguments to the jury Solicitor Jack Thompson told the jury Washington cased the Adams home the first day to discover the best time to return and carry out the assault. Thompson said Washington gave the motive for the crime when he told his victim "I wanted an uppity white chick."

Carl Barrington told the jurors, "There is no doubt in my mind Mrs. Adams was cruelly ravished." But he maintained the state had not proved Washington was the man who committed the crime.