

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The snow may stop the mailman, but it doesn't stop Hoke County golfers. The tournament at Arabia Golf Course was played last Sunday and those finishing played in the snow, according to Raz Autry tournament chairman.

The winners were Bobby Luck and his group with a low score of 70. The groups headed by Joe Upchurch, Gary Adkins and Bill Upchurch were next with a score of 72. Fifth place went to Dr. Bob Townsend and his team with a score of 73.

So if you pay your money at Arabia for a tournament be prepared to play as the committee won't let the weather postpone it.

The sleet and snow that fell Sunday and Monday has really slowed things down this week in Hoke County. The highways and streets are covered with ice and driving is almost impossible. There is not one car in The News-Journal parking lot even though all the workers turned up for work Tuesday morning. R.B. Lewis said six employees of the Bank of Raeford didn't make it Monday and Southern National Bank closed at noon Monday.

Many stores were closed as well as some of the eating places in town.

Most of the federal offices were closed Monday and school closed Monday and Tuesday and it looks like they will be closed Wednesday unless the weather changes.

The mail trucks from Greensboro to Fayetteville did not run Monday night but did come by about 8:15 Tuesday morning headed for Fayetteville. So maybe some mail will arrive here Tuesday afternoon. The mail and roads has certainly slowed down the operation at this plant.

But we can be thankful that so far the power lines and telephone lines are holding up.

I will be glad to see the snow leave and things get back to normal. This is the third straight week! Christmas, New Year AND now the weather that has hindered our trying to get out a newspaper. Anyway we can look for next week.

SCC Announces Leadership Class

The Continuing Education of Sandhills Community College offers a Leadership Training Course at Hoke High School, Jan. 22 through Feb. 26. The class meets on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

This course is designed to help persons develop leadership techniques for social, civic, and religious groups. It will aid the student with basic group human relations, and parliamentary procedure.

The instructor is the Rev. Jack Mansfield, minister of the First Baptist Church. He is known in the area for his leadership ability and administrative

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SNOW LADEN BRANCHES - Evergreen bush on Courthouse lawn grows and supports heavy weight of snow and ice deposited by Sunday's storm. Snow topped by freezing rain and sleet paralyzed the county.

More Snow Predicted As Paralyzed Hoke Countians Continue Digging Out

Young Hurt, Family Dies

Peter B. Young, award winning former editor of the News-Journal, is reported improving in Overlook Hospital, Summit, N.J. Young is suffering from burns and smoke inhalation received when his Summit home was gutted by fire New Years night.

Killed in the fire was Young's wife Barbara, 32, daughter Kristina Marie, 20 months, and his mother-in-law Mrs. Philomena Pellegrino, 61, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Cause of the fire has not been determined.

Young, who won first prize for a News-Journal feature story in the 1961 National Newspaper Contest with a story about patrolling with highway patrolman, now judge, Joseph E. Dupree, is employed at Inter-Data Corp, an advertising firm in New York City.

RR Crossing Crash Fatal

Two people were killed and four others injured when a car and train collided at 3 p.m. Jan. 3 at the Aberdeen and Rockfish crossing near the Farm Service Chemical Company in Dundarrach.

Highway Patrolman J.E. Stanley reported Billie Jo Davis, 3, died instantly and Katie Burns, 60, died about 9 p.m. in Southeastern General Hospital.

Injured and taken to the same hospital were the driver of the car Francis Davis, James Earl Davis, 4, Elizabeth Ann Davis, 5, and Pearlina Rogers, 38, all of Duffie. The injured were pinned in the vehicle and released by members of the Hoke County Rescue Squad.

Stanley reported Mrs. Davis said her brakes failed as she tried to stop at the crossing. The car was demolished and damage to the train engine was estimated at \$1,500.

School Board Meets Monday

The Hoke County Board of Education meeting is scheduled Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Building. The meeting was postponed because of the recent snow storm.



TWO DAYS AFTER STORM - Raeford's Main Street was considerably narrowed by snow piles encroaching on normal traffic lanes Tuesday morning. Five and a half inches of snow was deposited throughout the county by storm which began Sunday noon. Tuesday afternoon equipment was busy removing snow from the outside traffic lanes. Vehicles moved slowly and cautiously on the icy pavement.

Fine Arts Festival Is February 24

The annual Women's Club Fine Arts Festival will be at the Civic Center Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Competition is open to club members in all categories, but entries from all citizens of Hoke County will be welcome. However, non-club members are not eligible for recognition in the local or district competition.

Entries will be accepted at the Civic Center Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Student art will be accepted from 4 to 6 p.m. Judging of crafts and sewing will be in the afternoon and student art after all entries are in.

ART - Students from the seventh through twelfth grades may enter. Any theme may be chosen and the media may be oils, pastels, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, polymer, pen and ink, tempera collage, print, drawing chalk, mixed media. Maximum size is 30 inches by 40 inches unframed. Oil and acrylic paintings must have simple frames. Other media on mats and pastels should be sprayed with fixative. Seniors may submit one entry in each media.

SCULPTURE - Media may be plastic, clay, wire or stone, and maximum limit is 50 pounds. Entrant must supply display case.

CLUBWOMAN ART CONTEST: Paintings may be mixed media, watercolor, graphic art, pastel, oil, pen and ink, charcoal, pencil, acrylic, collage. Work must be suitably framed or mounted, and have been completed in the last two years.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Photograph should not exceed 9 inches by twelve inches

New Act Reduces Telephone Taxes

Tarboro - Subscribers' total Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company bills will be slightly lower beginning this month.

The Excise, Estate and Gift Tax Adjustment Act of 1970 provides for a ten - year reduction schedule of the Federal excise tax for telephone service, effective Jan. 1, 1973.

Telephone statements rendered after Jan. 1, will bill the excise tax at nine percent. Under the present legislation, each subsequent Jan. 1, the excise tax will be reduced by one percent until January, 1982, when the total repeal is scheduled.

The excise tax on telephone service is a carryover from World War II days. Since then, this tax has been removed from all other services and products. Efforts to repeal it in past years have been unsuccessful.

For the average Carolina Telephone residence customer, it will amount to only a few cents per month.

Senior Citizens

The second January Senior Citizens meeting for members who wish to do needlework will be at the home of Miss Isabel McFadyen on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.



Armed men strike twice in Hoke County.

Armed Men Strike Twice

Armed robbers hit Hoke County on two consecutive nights making off with more than \$200.

On Jan. 3 about 6:30 p.m. two men robbed the Hickory Grove Grocery Store on U. S. 401 south near Hilltop. One robber was described as five feet, five inches tall, weighing 130 to 150 pounds, full beard and mustache, wearing black top, dark trousers and brown tam and carrying a small steel pistol. The other man was six feet tall, weighed about 175 pounds, clean shaven and wearing dark colored clothes and tan overcoat.

The two, both Negroes, entered the store and the first asked for cigarettes. The clerk reached for the cigarettes and turned around to discover a pistol pointed at her head.

The men forced the clerk, Pearl Looklear, to lie on the floor while they took \$100 in bills and an undetermined amount of change. Deputy Sheriffs J. R. Young and Chester Price answered the call.

The second robbery occurred about 7:45 p.m. Jan. 4 at Parks Grocery in Dundarrach. Two Negroes entered the store. One of them had a pistol and they demanded money from Earl Parks. The robbers escaped with \$120 in cash.

Besides Parks there was a customer in the store at the time of the incident. One robber was described as between five feet four and five feet, five inches tall, and wearing a blue jean jacket. The other was described at between five feet, eight inches and six feet tall wearing a brown jacket. Deputy Sheriff Chester Price is investigating.

Loan Association Re-elects Officers

At the Raeford Savings and Loan Association annual stockholders meeting Tuesday H.L. Gatlin Jr. was reelected president with Younger Snead Jr., vice president and Franklin Teal, secretary treasurer.

Board members chosen at the meeting are Alfred G. Bray, Dr. Julius L. Jordan, Fred Culbreth, Tom McBryde, Graham Monroe, Sam C. Morris and Richard L. Neeley.

Hoke County families continued to save their money at a record breaking rate during 1972. Teal said. The secretary-treasurer reports 1972 was the greatest growth year the Raeford association experienced since its founding in 1913.

Teal said a continued good savings flow is expected at least during the first part of 1973 and there would be an ample supply of mortgage lending funds available.

He declared, based on present supply and demand factors, mortgage rates would show little change for the first quarter of 1973. But he said the outlook for the remainder of the year was more uncertain, with rates subject to such influences as the Vietnam war, pace of

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A storm which began about noon Sunday buried Hoke County under approximately five and a half inches of snow. Bitter cold, freezing rain and sleet combined with the snow to paralyze the county.

Schools and businesses closed, traffic was stalled on snow - packed icy roads and pedestrians slithered and fell on glazed walkways and ice encrusted snow.

More Snow
Highway clearing may well be hampered by additional bad weather. The forecast for today was 50 percent chance of snow mixed with sleet and freezing rain with a daytime low in the 20s and an overnight low in the 30s.

Temperatures remained cold throughout the week with Monday's low at 22 and the high in the 30s. Tuesday and Wednesday temperatures were about the same.

Road Clearing
Men from the highway department began work on roads in the county about 1:30 p.m. Sunday. By Wednesday all primary roads were practically clean. These included State 211, U. S. 401 and State 20.

Bill Southern, Hoke County crew chief reported, some icy spots still remained on highway 20 and about a one inch depth of solid ice persisted on 401 business near Hillcrest.

Tons of Salt
He said 11 crew men worked Sunday night through Monday and some worked straight through the first few days. He said his 30-man force is splitting shifts to clear roads. He reports the department is required to salt primary roads and used an estimated 150 to 175 tons of salt through Wednesday. Wednesday morning the crews were working on a stretch of highway 15 and 501 within the county boundaries.

Crews working with four graders were attempting to clear secondary roads but severe icing has hampered their progress. The equipment is being used to push snow banks and ridges away from the edges of the roads so the snow piles will not freeze on the roadways and to leave room for plowing in case of fresh snowfall.

State superintendent for Hoke and Scotland Counties, Z. B. Toller, was working in Scotland County Wednesday morning.

Comparison
Many individuals traveling between Hoke and Cumberland County reported Hoke primary roads were in much better condition than those in Cumberland County.

A typical comment: "Highway 401 was cleared down to the pavement until I hit the county line. Once into Cumberland County I found the roads an absolute mess and difficult to traverse."

Schools
Hoke schools did not open Monday and remained closed through Wednesday. According to Superintendent D. D. Abernethy, there was a strong possibility schools would also be closed today. He said the primary consideration would be the condition of secondary roads in the county.

State law requires 180 student days and 187 teacher days each school year. Abernethy said no decision has been made on make - up days for time lost because of the storm.

It is possible to designate some days of Easter vacation as make-up days or to postpone the date when the school year officially ends.

Other Closings

Most stores in downtown Raeford closed Monday. Among others closing because of the storm were the food stamp office, reopened Tuesday morning, Hoke Health Center, reopened Wednesday; Knit-A-Way, reopened Tuesday afternoon; and the employment Security Commission.

Burlington closed about 4 p.m. Monday and reopened at 8 a.m. Tuesday but has been operating with a high absentee rate through Wednesday.

House of Raeford did not close but operated with a skeleton crew of about ten percent its normal work force. If the weather does not worsen they were planning on full operation either Wednesday or Thursday.

RWC Is Selling Dogwood Trees

The garden department of the Raeford Women's Club is selling white dogwood trees for \$4.00. The four to five foot trees will be delivered in a week to ten days. Orders may be placed with Mrs. Jim McBryde, 875-3560, or Mrs. Mike Wood, 875-3176.