

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The rain last week brought forth approximately six inches in about eight hours. This is a lot of water to fall in such a short time. The ground was already soaked from the ice and snow recently; so there was no place for the water to go except to the lowest part of the earth. I can't remember this much rain in as short a time.

According to the TV and daily papers the rain caused much damage over the state. I suspect that damage was done in Hoke County too, but I haven't heard of anything that would make headlines.

I can recall many years ago that a narrow bridge was over the stream that is at the Hoke - Cumberland line on US 401 North. Many people in the county asked that the bridge be removed or that it be enlarged because of the number of wrecks that were occurring there. After several lives were lost the bridge was removed and it was fixed as it now stands.

The reason for recalling this is that someone should start thinking about the traffic in Raeford. I sit at my desk and watch near accidents everyday on West Elwood Avenue. There are six roads leading to alleys or parking lots within the block, besides the roads leading into a number of houses.

Located on the avenue are a number of places that most of the citizens of Hoke County use daily. Naming a few are Southern National Bank, Post Office, other state and federal agencies, the library and the Social Services departments. This is cause for a great deal of traffic.

Last Saturday morning with some of the above agencies closed traffic was backed up from Main Street to Magnolia Street. The "No Left Turn" sign was in the center of Main Street but still the flow of traffic was too much at this time.

What causes this jam of traffic? The only way anyone can see the cause is to take time to watch it for hour after hour everyday. One of the big causes was stopped with the placing of the "No Left Turn" sign in the center of Main Street, but there are many more things that cause the street to be very dangerous.

One is that cars pull into the intersection on Main Street when traffic is stopped for someone parked to back out. This sometimes stops traffic for two stop light changes. I think that a sign put under the stop light "Do Not Block Intersection" might help or a sign with wording to that effect. Then if someone blocks the intersection let them pay court costs for the act.

Another cause is turning around or in other words pulling into an alley or road and backing up. This causes traffic to back up. A car waiting to make a left turn into any of the roads off West Elwood is the worst reason for the traffic jams.

The only way that this can be eliminated is to make West Elwood a one-way street from Magnolia to Stewart Street of course another avenue would have to be made a one-way street to control traffic.

I would recommend to the governing body of the city that someone start working to relieve this problem before some child or old person or someone gets killed going to the library, post office or etc. The number of cars in Hoke County is increasing and the traffic laws made for the Model T Ford or wagons cannot rule for the automobiles of today.

The present council has whipped many problems for the city including water, sewer, etc and I know that they can solve this problem also.

Congratulations to Raz Autry for being "Man of the Year" in Raeford.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad is accepting sealed bids on their 1969 Chevrolet wagon. The minimum bid must be \$1000 and bids will be opened February 21. The wagon can be seen at Conoly's Exxon Station. Send bids to P.O. Box 337, Raeford, N.C. 28376.

Raeford Man To Perform With West Point Glee Club

The seventy-five member West Point Glee Club from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., will give a concert Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 and may be purchased from any Chaminate Music Club member or by calling 875-3501. The concert will be at Upchurch School on Highway 211 in Raeford. It will include a selection of popular music as well as traditional military songs.

The Glee Club performed at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the New York World's Fair, the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Boston's Symphony Hall, Disneyland, and the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. The group travelled twice outside the United States to Montreal, Canada, and received invitations to perform as far away as France and Japan.

County Roads Damaged, Yards Flooded And Creeks Overflow In Heavy Rain

Court Places Five Youths On Probation

In district court Friday Judge Joseph E. Dupree handed down suspended sentences and periods of probation for five youths convicted of city breaks.

The youths were Billie Dean Holland, 18, 304 Harris Ave., John Richard Harrell, 16, 128 Elwood Ave., Eugene Hawkins, 16, Howard Hayes, 16, 702 Saunders St., and Louis Parker alias Louis Shands, 16, Dundarrach.

The judge sentenced each youth to be committed as a youthful offender for two years and suspended the sentences for three and one-half years and placed each youth on three and a half years probation.

Probation conditions are that during probation none of the boys associate with the other four youths except that association which might be necessary at church or school, and not to be caught on the premises of the Raeford Billiard Parlor, Edinborough Ave.

An additional stipulation in the probation rules says the youths may not be away from home during the night time for the next twelve months unless accompanied by their parents or guardians or some other adult chosen by the parents or guardians.

In addition to the above sentence Harrell received a second two year suspended sentence to begin at the expiration of the first sentence and was ordered to pay \$200 restitution to the Board of Education and \$15 to A. D. Austin, Edinborough Ave.

Hawkins was also ordered to pay \$200 restitution to the Board of Education and \$15 to A. D. Austin.

Concerning the nighttime restrictions on the youths one mother asked about attending high school activities at night and Dupree replied, "Not unless he is

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Armed Men Strike Again

The Sheriff's Department is seeking two armed men who robbed Junior Dial's Store on highway 211 East at 10 p.m. Feb. 1.

According to the investigating officers both robbers were negroes. One is described as five feet five inches tall, 150 pounds, with chin whiskers and was wearing a black coat. The second man was six feet tall, 175 pounds and clean shaven.

These descriptions are similar to the ones given of men who robbed McNeill's Grocery Store, Antioch, of \$200 on Jan. 1; Hickory Grove Grocery Store, U.S. 401 S. near Hilltop, of more than \$100 on Jan. 3; and Parks Grocery, Dundarrach, of \$120 on Jan. 4.

When the two entered Dial's Store one drew store manager Stratford Locklear's attention to the beer counter and the second man engaged an employee G.C. Lytle in conversation.

Both robbers drew pistols. One knocked Locklear to the floor by hitting him over the head with the weapon. The other ordered Lytle to lie on the floor.

The armed men escaped with \$387. They took \$175 from the cash register, \$100 from Locklear and \$103 from Lytle.

Locklear lives in Allendale Township and Lytle is from the Antioch Community. Investigating officers are J.R. Young and Chester Price.

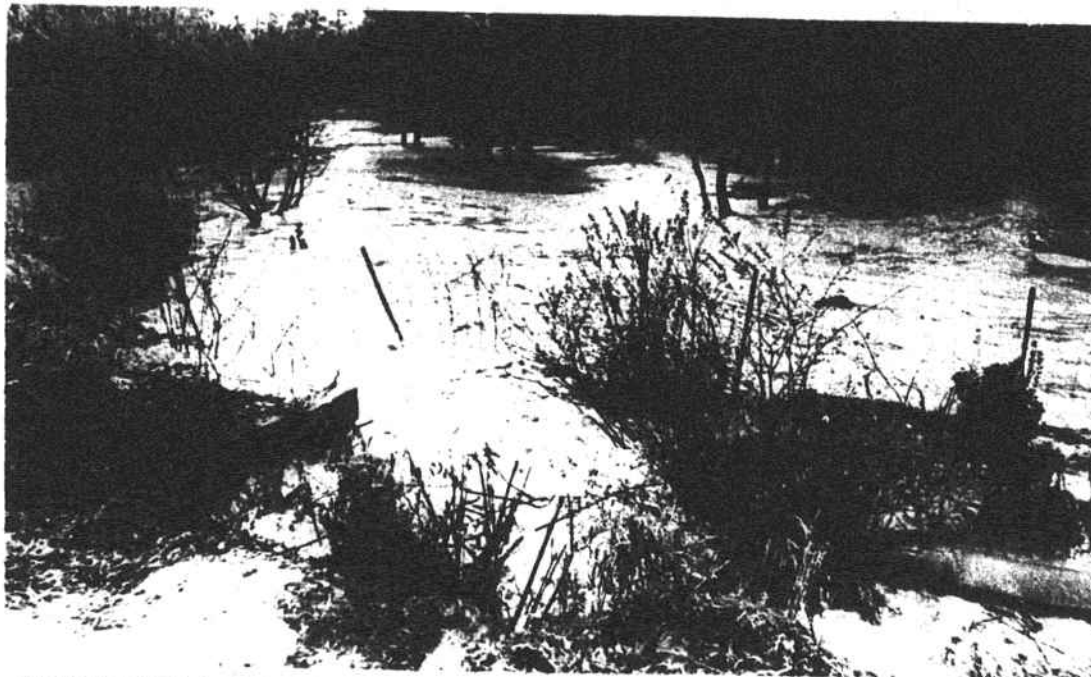
Since the advent of television, the Club has been featured on the Bob Hope Show, the Kate Smith Show, The Bell Telephone Hour, the Fred Waring Show, the Ed Sullivan Show, and the Mike Douglas Show.

Well-known Professional performers have shared the spotlight with the club, including Dinah Shore, Barbara Eden, Martha Wright, Pat Paulsen, Raymond Massey, Roger Williams, Raquel Welch, the Lettermen, Ray Bolger, and Bing Crosby.

The Cadets have asked to meet the audience and a social hour with refreshments will follow the concert.

Paul Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Currie Jr. of Raeford, is a member of the group. Through his family's efforts the

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CHURNING WATERS - Friday's falling weather turned creeks, streams and drainage ditches into bubbling, boiling expanses of rushing water. This scene on Prospect Ave. Extension shows volume of water which tumbled through pipe under road and flowed over highway to spread throughout field at Peddler's Parlor. Highway Department closed this and many other roads throughout the county.

Kiwanis Names Autry '72 Man-Of-The-Year

Raz Autry, Hoke High School principal, was chosen Raeford Kiwanis Club's Hoke County Man-Of-The-Year at the organizations annual ladies night last week.

The highly coveted citizenship award was presented to Autry by William Poole, Kiwanis past president. In presenting the silver cup Poole said about the honoree: We honor a man tonight who ALMOST didn't come to our community. He came for an interview for the position he now holds, however, he had already made up his mind he would not come to Raeford and Hoke County.

But to our good fortune, he changed his mind or had it changed (and when you know who this man is, you'll know that is almost impossible). He decided to come and for his work in his profession and in our community, the Raeford Kiwanis Club honors this man tonight.

He is a man of great energy, determination and dedication with the desire to "do what it takes" to get the job done. Work is something he was introduced to some 46 years ago on a farm in Harnett County. He was raised to work hard, and at an early age was introduced to self-discipline; something which would have a lot to do with his own personal life.

After graduating from Dunn High School, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps military service and served in the Navy and then the Marine Corps during World War II.

Shortly after his discharge from service, he entered East Carolina University where he went out for football, even though he had never played in High School. He was told he didn't have a chance to make the team, but he not only played football, he was Captain of the team for two years. This was under Coach William (Bill) E. Dole who was known as one of the best coaches in the state.

At East Carolina he was recognized by his leadership abilities. Among the honors he received was president of junior class; president of the student body his senior year, and selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. In addition to receiving his B.S.



MAN - OF - THE - Year - Hoke High School Principal Raz Autry, chosen Kiwanis Club's Man - Of - The - Year, displays trophy and silver bowl presented with the annual citizenship award. The trophy is a continuing award passed from honoree to honoree each year. The silver bowl is a personal trophy which will remain permanently in Autry's possession.

degree from East Carolina, he also earned his M.A.

After graduating he coached in a small school in Raleigh. Then he went to Gibsonville High School where he taught academic subjects and coached all three major sports. His first principalship was at Gaston High School. From there he went to East Montgomery High School for six years and then in 1967 he came to Hoke County as principal of Hoke County High School. Under his leadership many things have happened to the high school program. Consolidation of the high school under his strong disciplinary policy is one of the reasons this school has been free of student unrest. The

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Three Teachers Elected By Board

The Hoke County Board of Education met Monday with all members present. Also present were Board Attorney William Moses, Assistant Superintendent Ernest Sutton, and a visitor from the Raeford Woman's Club, Mrs. Janet Bouyer.

The following teachers were elected: Miss Gwendolyn Dial, to serve three months at West Hoke School as a Kindergarten teacher during the absence of Mrs. Cynthia Crawford; Mrs. Bonnie V. Rose, to fill vacancy created by retirement of Mrs. Nannie Thornburg; Mrs. Marcia P. Marble, to teach remedial reading at Raeford Elementary School.

D.D. Abernethy, superintendent, announced the annual meeting of the District 8 School Boards Association Feb.

21 at the Richmond Senior High School. Hoke Board Chairman, D.R. Huff Jr., District Association president, will preside over the February meeting.

Abernethy also discussed pending legislation, HB 152, which would distribute \$100,000,000 in N.C. surplus revenue to the counties for capital construction. Hoke County would receive \$415,626.09 under the proposed allotment formula.

Raz Autry, Hoke High School principal, appeared before the board to discuss the High School Athletic Program, and to present several requests for improvements in the physical plant at the school. Since the requests are contingent upon the budget, no action was taken at this time.

Crash Kills Local Man

A Raeford man, James Truman Lowery, died Sunday at Moore Memorial Hospital from injuries sustained in a two-car accident at intersection of rural routes 1219 and 1214 about nine miles west of Raeford at 3 p.m. Sunday. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Lowery.

Four passengers in Lowery's vehicle were injured and admitted to Moore Memorial. All Raeford residents they are James Sturdivant, 16, Mavis Sturdivant, 23, John Wayne Locklear, 30, and Jimmy Locklear, 22.

Others injured were the driver of the second car Jimmy Lee Fisher, 20, Ft. Bragg, and his wife Jann, 18. They were taken to Womack Army Hospital by Morrison Ambulance Service.

Hoke Rescue Squad team leader Earl Conoly described the crash as one of the worst accidents he had seen. He reported the impact threw Lowery and Mrs. Fisher into the windshields of the cars.

Conoly said the Fishers were pinned in their vehicle and it took the rescue squad members about ten minutes to free them.

The rescue squad ambulance and truck transported three of the injured to Moore Memorial and the Moore County Rescue Squad took the two remaining injured person to Moore.

Highway Patrolman F.M. Roberts from Fayetteville said the Lowery vehicle was traveling north on paved road 1219 when Fisher's car approaching eastbound on 1214 ran a stop sign and struck Lowery's car on the left side. Roberts said Fisher was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

POW-MIAs Remembered By Hoke County Teenagers

Church bells rang throughout the United States to signal the end to American involvement in Vietnam. For many young Hoke Countians the bell ringing had a special impact because they wear POW-MIA bracelets.

Most said they were delighted with the peace treaty. One said, "I'll believe it when I see it." A young lady said she cried when the bells rang.

Another high school girl said, "The true is marvelous-we shouldn't have been there in the first place. I don't blame the servicemen for it, they were ordered to go to a job."

All the teenagers have been scanning the prisoner lists to see if their POW is listed. One particularly happy ninth-grader is William "Deuce" Niven.

He did not expect to see his POW Maj. Warren Lilly of Dallas, Tex. on the list because he has been a prisoner so long-since Nov. 6, 1965. Deuce said, "I'm just so happy to see he is alive. I'm glad it's over."

Patty Lewis has worn her bracelet about five months. Inscribed on it is "Lt. Col. John Stavast, 9-17-67." She is bright-eyed and smiling these days because his name was on the POW list. Patty has heard from his family.

Sisters Donna and Shirley Poe found the names of their POWs on the list. Both wrote to the men's families about three

More than six inches of rain swamped Hoke County during a twelve hour period last Friday. The falling weather caused creeks to overflow their banks, washed out road shoulders, undermined road beds and inundated streets, highways and yards.

Many roads in the county were closed during the storm but most were reopened by 6 p.m. Saturday. Highway Department crews worked all day Saturday. Monday morning county roads 1134 between Bethel Church and West Hoke School was still closed but State Highway Superintendent for Hoke and Scotland Counties Z.B. Toller said he expected the section to be ready for traffic late Monday afternoon.

At one point during the storm Prospect Ave. extension was under two feet of water and the road was closed. Vehicles moved slowly along water covered sections of U.S. 401 and Highway 211. Road crews posted signs and highway department flagmen directed traffic through these areas until midnight Friday.

Toller reports considerable water damage throughout the county road system as a result of the storm. The great velocity of water pouring through drainage systems caused many pipes to separate. The area around the drainage pipes were undermined and shoulder washouts were common.

Friday morning portions of the topsoil on embankment of 401 By-Pass at Highway 211 overpass slid onto the roadway. The landslide closed the road for a period of time while crews cleaned mud from the highway.

Toller reports the landslide was not serious because the clay bank reminded intact. He estimated crews will need three days to repair the damage caused by the slide.

Fred Beck, state highway engineer, described the drainage situation in the College Drive area as crucial. He said repeated inundation could affect operation of septic tanks servicing homes in the area.

All five gates on the dam at Johnson's Pond were opened to prevent damage to the dam. The churning waters of Puppy Creek rushed through the gates and flooded the area surrounding the Little Whale Restaurant.

Pete Lovell, owner of the restaurant, said he had never seen the water so high in his five and a half years in that location. Lovell reported the creek which is normally about three feet deep in front of the area was about eight or nine feet deep Friday afternoon.

The water rose, overflowed the creek banks and almost covered a pump house used by the Puppy Creek Volunteer Fire Department to fill their trucks. Only the roof of the pump house was visible above the rushing water. The department has auxiliary pumps which could be used if needed.

The creek waters flooded the area surrounding the restaurant and crested at the front steps of the building.

Yards in residential districts throughout Raeford and the county were flooded. In some yards bicycle handlebars

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weeks ago. Donna's POW is Lt. Col. Louis Makowski, 10-66, from San Antonio, Tex. and Shirley's is Capt. James I. Ray, 5-8-66, also from Texas.

Mary Kay Staton wears a bracelet inscribed "Cmdr. James Hickerson 12-22-67." Mary Kay wrote his family after seeing his name and hometown of Lemore, Calif., listed in the newspapers.

Debbie Inman received her bracelet as a Christmas present from Patty Lewis. It bears the words, "Spec. 5 Ronald Paschall, 4-2-72." Specialist Paschall is supposedly a POW but Debbie has not seen his name on any lists.

Lollie Hill also received her bracelet from Patty Lewis at Christmastime. It bears the name, "Lt. Marvin Wiles, MIA, May-6-1972." Lieutenant Wiles is MIA.

Susan Kennedy, a 1971 Hoke High School graduate, wears a bracelet for Cmdr. Kenneth Cameron, 5-18-67. Susan says she wrote Commander Cameron's family about three weeks ago but has had no reply and has not seen his name on any of the lists.

Senior Linda Harrell, obtained her bracelet last September, wrote the POW's family in October and received a reply a week later.

Her POW is Cmdr. W.P. Yarborough Jr., 1-19-67. Linda reports Mrs.

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