

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

H. Clifton Blue, publisher of The Sandhill Citizen in Aberdeen, writes a column in his paper and it is titled "Sandhill Musings" the first item printed in the column, last week follows:

"From what we hear about Raz Autry, principal of the Hoke County High School in Raeford, he should be nominated for the Tar Heel Principal of the Year."

Thanks Cliff, for the comment, but the parents of school children in Hoke County have had that feeling for several years.

While on the subject of Autry, he called this week and asked that I put the following in this column.

Notice to Visitors at Hoke High School: Nobody will be allowed on the campus of Hoke High School during the school day, except on official business. Anyone violating the above will be prosecuted for trespassing. This has become necessary because of the frequent visitors that have been coming on the school grounds during lunch.

I would advise everyone to observe the above for from the sound of Autry's voice he will certainly put someone in the jailhouse.

The old News and Observer I mentioned in this column recently is dated February 15, 1911. Across the front page is a line saying, "Leads all North Carolina Dailies in News and Circulation." In the corner of the front page it states the circulations is over 15,000. The circulation today is over 140,000.

One of the headlines in the paper is as follows:

"County of Hoke Is Now a Reality." One paragraph in the article states: "The special order being the consideration of the bill to create the county of Hoke out of the counties of Cumberland and Robeson, the attention of the House was devoted to that question."

The vote on the bill was 56 to 30. An ad in the paper is as follows: Have you a horse you wish to exchange? We are in the exchange business and we are able to get most any kind or size horse desired, our leading facilities enable us to give boarding horses superb service. Woodall's Stables.

How about that one? A cup of coffee is satisfying when the coffee is good. Think of what people say about poor coffee. Everybody praises our coffee. Try them. J. R. Ferrall & Company.

How prices have changed! Academy Scholass Theatre Circuit. Moving Pictures - new pictures everyday. Admission to all 5 CENTS.

If you would like to look over this paper I have it here at the office and will hold it for a few days before returning it.

Road Work Set

Work will begin later this week on several city streets reports City Manager John Gaddy.

Central Ave. from Magnolia to the railroad tracks will be paved. Also schedule for paving is McLean St. from Prospect Ave. to Seventh Ave.

Work on widening Edinborough from Jackson Street to the cemetery which has been faced with weather delays is set to continue this week.



BEFORE - Submarine still in woods near Puppy Creek with cooling barrels in foreground. Explosive, used by agents to destroy the still are in paper sack on overturned bucket. Still was destroyed Feb. 20.

\$90,000 Revenue Funds Approved For New Board Of Education Building

Couple Held In Breakin

A Raeford man and his wife are being held in county jail in lieu of \$500 bond each in connection with a breakin at 1:30 a.m. Monday.

Charged with breaking, entering and larceny are George Washington McLaurin Jr., 33, and Clorina C. McLaurin, 28, both of Rt. 3, Box 153, Raeford. A preliminary hearing for the couple is scheduled in district court March 9, reports Deputy Sheriff J.R. Young.

They are charged with the breakin and theft of a case and a half of beer from Warren Phillips Store on Highway 211 near McCain.

Phillips whose residence is behind the store was awakened about 1:30 a.m. Monday by a loud popping noise. He thought someone had left a self-service gas pump running and went outside to investigate.

Once outside he saw people leaving the store and was able to read the license plate of the get away vehicle. Deputies Young and Chester Price answered the call and investigation indicated the front door of the building had been forced open.

Young and Price arrested the McLaurins at home about 5 a.m. Monday.

Draft Office May Close

Although draft calls have ended, young men are still required to register when they reach 18. Present plans call for closing of the Hoke County office and consolidating the offices of a seven-county area: Hoke, Lee, Robeson, Bladen, Sampson, Harnett and Cumberland reports Sam C. Morris, Hoke draft chairman.

It is planned to enlist high school guidance counselors and other volunteers to assist with registration after the Hoke office closes.

Local boards will be maintained and members will decide classification requests, according to Morris.

William H. McCachren, state director of Selective Service, said it will be necessary to reduce the number of state Selective Service employees from 183 to 102. However he pointed out normal attrition should take care of many of the reductions. He said every effort will be made to assist terminated employees in finding other federal employment.

Senior Citizens Club Meets Tues.

The Raeford Senior Citizens Friendship Club meets at the Raeford United Methodist Church Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

The program will be a slide show "Add Life to Years."

Members are asked to bring plants to exchange and newspapers for the paper drive.



OFFICES WILL MOVE - The board of education will vacate this building in the future and several county agencies will move into its offices. \$90,000 was appropriated from revenue sharing funds to build a new school board building.

Hoke Stills Are Stiller Than They Used To Be

By Kay Piotrkowski

There was a time in these parts when stills were commonplace and their heady, if somewhat dangerous, products were much in demand.

The illegal spirits are dangerous in a couple of ways. Drinking them can be hazardous to the "innards" of the consumer. And if the revenuers come along, brewing up a batch might prove damaging to the "outards" of the maker.

But in Hoke County today the bubbling joy-makers are scarce as a hog wallow in the big city.

Old timers account for the decrease in stills with, "Running one of these things is a mess of hard work and the young ones today just ain't up to it." Others claim, "The ABC stores have sure cut into the business."

Whatever the reasons, stills in Hoke County are much stiller than they used to be. Only one was discovered in the county in 1972.

Last week agents blew a submarine still almost as high as the well-known Georgia pine. J.K. Riley, Hoke County ABC chief, and James Thornbrough, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms special agent from Fayetteville, report this was the first county still destroyed in 1973.

Riley and Thornbrough sailed down

U.S. 401 on their "sink-the-submarine" mission late the afternoon of Feb. 20. They stopped at Riley's garage to pick up some pliers and then nosed the government car north on the highway toward Puppy Creek area.

About seven miles from Raeford they parked the car at the edge of 401, grabbed two paper sacks and a pickax from the vehicle and proceeded through the woods.

One bag contained explosives. The other held fuses. The agents use special safety explosives. In the "good old" days, revenuers rode around with dynamite stashed in the trunks of their cars-but, for rather explosive reasons, this is no longer permitted.

The two men tramped about 50 yards into the woods where the booze machine nestled in a low spot not far from a stream. The agents estimate the still was used only once, about a month ago.

The 480 gallon wood and metal still was perched, a bit askew, on some cinder blocks. Nearby were two green 55-gallon cooler drums two 5-gallon water pails and

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Tuesday Set For Driving Safety Class

An eight-session series of classes on defensive driving will begin Tuesday in the County Extension conference room, second floor, Federal Building, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The course, designed to inform drivers of accident prevention driving techniques, will include lectures, literature, films, and discussions.

The National Safety Council trained and approved instructor is James R. Weaver of Raeford. A National Safety Council certificate will be awarded to all participants who complete and end-of-course examination.

The City of Raeford, the Raeford Police Department and the Home Extension Club in cooperation with the Traffic Safety Education Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles are sponsoring the series.

Interested persons may register with the Hoke County Extension prior to Tuesday, or register during the first class.

Booster Club Meeting Scheduled For Mon.

The Hoke High Booster Club will meet Monday at 8 p.m. in the Gibson School library, according to Mike Wood, president.

Officers will be elected and plans for the annual banquet will be discussed.

Man Posts \$200 Bond

A Raeford man charged with careless and reckless driving and resisting arrest was released from jail after posting \$200 bond.

Eddy Hollingsworth, Fifth Ave., was arrested by Sgt. Leonard Wiggins and Patrolman William H. Hooks, Raeford Police Department, at 10:30 p.m. Saturday in the Robbins Heights section.

Wiggins and Hooks answered a reckless driving call and attempted to arrest Hollingsworth who ran into a house. A group of about 60 people gathered and shouted and tossed a few rocks and bottles at the policemen. There were no injuries, reports Chief James E. Lamont.

Hollingsworth left the house and was arrested by Wiggins and Hooks who took him to the county jail. Members of the State Highway Patrol and Hoke Sheriff's Department assisted the police during the incident.

New Warrants Charge Youths With Felonies

Sheriff D.M. Barrington has redrawn warrants charging five youths in connection with breakins Jan. 16 at the home of Mrs. D.C. Cox, Main Street, and the Dec. 20, 1972 breakin at Scurlock School.

Charged with felonious breaking, entering and larceny of the Cox residence are John Richard Harrell, 16, 128 West Elwood Ave.; and Billie Dean Holland, 18, 304 Harris Ave. Charged with felonious breaking and entering are Dwight W. Hasty Jr., 16, 908 E. Donaldson St.; and Daniel Edward Wilkes, 16, 632 E. Donaldson St.

Charged with felonious breaking, entering and larceny of Scurlock School are Holland, Harrell, Wilkes and Lonnie Bledsoe Jr., 16, Lewis St.

Charges on the original warrants were listed as misdemeanors. Those warrants were Nol Prossed and the new warrants listing felony charges were issued.

The cases were originally scheduled for hearing in district court last Friday but one defense lawyer was unavailable and the cases were continued until March 9.

March Meetings Set

Regular monthly meetings of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, The Raeford City Council and the Hoke Board of Education are Monday.

The commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

The School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education building and the City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

At a special meeting Friday afternoon the county commissioners authorized the use of revenue sharing funds to build a new Board of Education Building and proposes using funds to pay the county's share of new landfill equipment.

The commissioners voted to let the School Board use \$90,000 to purchase land and construct a new building. The School Board needs to consolidate operations in one location, reports T.B. Lester, county manager.

The county needs more office space and will be able to use the existing Board of Education building once it is vacated, said Lester.

No decision has been made concerning which county offices will be moved but, pointed out Lester, it may be possible with additional room to centralize tax listing for the seven townships in Hoke County at one location.

Bids on the landfill trash compactors will be opened at Monday's City Council meeting. It is estimated the equipment may cost as much as \$38,000.

Under existing agreements the City of Raeford operates the landfill and will pay 25 percent of the cost of equipment and Hoke County will pay the remaining 75 percent.

To date the county has received \$254,144 in revenue sharing funds and the city has received \$79,766. The next checks are due April 9 and should be about half the amount already received. The April checks will cover the period from June 1 to June 30, 1973.

Under revenue sharing regulations local governments must file a planned use report with the Treasury Department by March 15. This report must also be published in local news media.

An actual use report must be filed within 60 days after the June 30 period ends. This report must show revenue trust fund accounting figures on June 30 and give detailed information concerning the specific amounts spent and the purposes for which they were spent. This report must also be published.

The City of Raeford has not spent nor committed any of its revenue sharing funds although construction of a new city garage and storage sheds is under discussion.

Local Churches Celebrate World Day Of Prayer

Men, women and young people of Raeford will join millions of Christians around the world Friday to observe World Day of Prayer, an international celebration of faith and unity among Christians. This year's theme, selected by Church Women United, and used in 169 countries, will be "Alert in our time."

The celebration in Raeford will be a day-long prayer vigil at the Raeford Presbyterian Church. The sanctuary will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for anyone to enter, pray and meditate.

All Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to pray at the church sometime during the day.

Ladies from the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches will welcome those who come and distribute suggested prayer guides. Participants may sign a prayer register and contribute to a free-will offering.

The offering will be used by Church Women United to help people all over the world on an interdenominational basis. Included in the goods works supported by the offering are education, better nutrition and assistance to migrants and refugees.

REAP Program Awaits Passage

A bill authored by House Agriculture Committee Chairman W.R. Poage, D-Texas, requiring rather than authorizing the Department of Agriculture to administer the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP), is reported favorably out of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and is awaiting Senate action.

Congressman Charlie Rose, said today that he was delighted to see the Nixon administration has reversed its position and decided to support REAP.

REAP was curtailed by the administration in late December as a move to curb excessive federal spending.

In Hoke County, \$26,083 of REAP funds assisted residents in establishing permanent vegetative covers, planting forestry trees, water impoundment reservoirs, interim crop cover, application of lime, permanent open drainage systems during the year 1972.