

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The Ellis Williamson American Legion Post 20 will sponsor a fish fry all day Saturday, March 10 in the old Raeford Barber Shop next to Howell Drug Co. The fish plate will consist of fish, slaw and hush puppies. The price is only \$1.50. The proceeds will be used by the post to improve the recreation facilities at Upchurch School. If you like fish, go by and pick up a plate Saturday.

A note to bird watchers. I was informed this week that the first purple martin scout arrived in Hoke County March 4th.

Mrs. Wanda Hester of the Walls Photo Co. will be at the Civic Center Friday, March 9th from one p.m. to six p.m. to show proofs of the pictures made recently which will be run in The News-Journal. She states that everyone had been notified by post card but if you didn't receive a card then go by the center Friday and see the proofs.

The headline in The News-Journal last week has brought forth much comment concerning the building of a new office building for the Board of Education and their staff. Some of the comments that have been put to me are condensed into one thing. Is this the most pressing need of the county at this time?

I am sure that the county commissioners gave much thought to this before voting to go through with the project but from talk of some people in the county they acted in haste.

At The Family Restaurant the other day some ladies asked me why new activity buses could not be purchased with the money. One lady said that the buses broke down coming back from Wilmington last Friday and that this happens all the time. Another stated that the tires on the buses were not in first class shape.

The most comments have to do with recreation and an auditorium. A lot of citizens think that a full time recreation program should be started in the county. Their thinking is that if you can get the teenagers involved in worthwhile recreation that they will not get involved in other things that will lead to trouble. I have expressed myself before the county commissioners and city council about this subject and I think that plans should be implemented at once to get something started. It is too late to lock the gate after the horse is out.

Now the school auditorium project is something that is a sore subject to many mothers in the county. The mothers say that it is bad when you don't have a place large enough to hold graduation inside. We agreed with this also.

The recent appearance of the West Point Glee Club showed that Hoke County and Raeford doesn't have an auditorium large enough to accommodate a crowd for a worthwhile event.

The school's office building is water under the bridge but I think the local officials should consider some of the above projects before spending any more of the revenue money. As one person said, if President Nixon keeps cutting off money the school superintendent could go back to a one room office or could go to vacant office space in the Federal building.

If anyone has an opinion on this subject write to this newspaper and it will be published. Be sure to sign your letter, but if you want your name omitted, that will be done.

City Council 'Ear Marks' \$80,000, OKs Cable TV

The Raeford City Council at their monthly meeting Monday budgeted \$80,000 of revenue sharing money. Twenty-six thousand dollars was funded to pay the remaining cost of the present municipal building, \$40,000 for a new municipal garage, and \$15,000 for improvement of the city park (McLauchlin school playground).

The council approved an ordinance establishing Cable Television for the city. William L. Brown, James R. Humphrey, and Multiple Communications Inc. were

Congressman's Mobile Office Visits Saturday

Congressman Charlie Rose's mobile district office will be in Raeford from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The office staffed by Rose's administrative assistant, Rip Collins, will be parked near the post office.

Rose pointed out that information gathered by Collins would be relayed to his Washington, D.C. office.

Army Reduction Forces Withdrawal Of Bragg Support At Health Center

OK Land Schedules

At their regular meeting Monday the Board of County Commissioners approved the 1974 revaluation land schedules. The new schedules will be available for inspection at the county's manager's office for ten days. Tax notices are scheduled for mailing in August.

T.B. Lester, county manager, says it appears there will be little change in the valuation of farm buildings. Farm land will increase but in most cases will result in only a slight increase in taxes.

Residents of 401 business North appeared before the commissioners seeking help with land drainage problems. They discussed the situation with the commissioners, John Murphy, district highway commissioner, and Fred Beck, district highway engineer.

The residents want a ditch dug on their side of the highway to drain water under the road to a ditch on the opposite side of the highway.

State experts will conduct a study to seek a solution to the problem.

Raeford Auto Co., was awarded the contract for three Sheriff's patrol cars with a low bid of \$9,559. Two cars will be traded as part of the purchase agreement. Hoke Auto Co., also entered a bid of \$10,080.

The board approved the expenditure of \$15 to the school drafting department for sketches for remodeling and converting the Board of Education Building to county office space.

They set April 2 as the meeting date for the Board of Equalization and Review. This will be in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. People wishing to complain about the property revaluation will be required to make appointments to appear before the Board of Equalization.

The board of commissioners also approved expenditures needed to comply with state regulations concerning radiation from the X-Ray machine at the County Health Center. Estimated cost of installing a lead wall and timer is \$500.

Permission was given for the new tax collector to attend the Institute of Government School March 19 to 23. The Hoke County Rescue Squad annual report was accepted by the commissioners.

The board approved hiring two PACE college students to work in the county during summer. One will be placed in the county extension office. The other has

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Thieves Get Window Unit

Sheriff's deputies report a window air conditioner valued at \$250 was taken from the Philippi Church sometime during the day on Feb. 24.

Thieves broke a window in a rear door and unlocked the door to gain entry to the building, says investigating officer J. R. Young.

granted the franchise which would become effective when the group posts \$1,000 bond. Once the bond is received by the city, work on the program must begin within one year.

In other action, the council opened bids for a crawler type loader to be used at the sanitary land-fill. North Carolina Equipment Company of Raleigh placed a bid of \$37,474.76 with a five year or 10,000 mile buy-back. Gregory Poole Equipment Company of Raleigh placed their bid at \$40,812.72 with a \$15,000 five year or 10,000 mile buy-back clause, and E. F. Craven Company of Greensboro \$36,975.97 with a \$15,000 five year or 10,000 mile buy-back. Final approval will be made by the joint county and city sanitation committee.

The police department submitted their monthly report for February to the council. The department investigated 79 complaints and 11 motor vehicle accidents; arrested one for assault, four for breaking and entering, six for public intoxication, one for DUI; gave 22 parking citations; and arrested 26 for motor vehicle violations.

It was reported the two police cars traveled a total distance of 3,640 during the month.



MEDICAL EXAMINATION - Army doctor, Capt. David M. Noonan, examines Miss Patria Ann McMillan of Raeford. The services of Captain Noonan and four enlisted men from the 7th Special Forces Group will terminate in Hoke County March 15.

Mrs. Bullard Gets 7-10; Will Appeal

An Antioch woman was sentenced by Judge Coy E. Brewer to seven to 10 years in prison in superior court last week following her conviction of voluntary manslaughter in the shotgun slaying of her husband.

Sarah Marie Bullard alias Zelma Bullard, 38, gave notice of appeal and was transferred to custody of the state commissioner of corrections in lieu of \$10,000 appearance.

Mrs. Bullard was found guilty of shooting her sleeping husband, Robert Bullard, 39, in the face with a 20 gauge double barreled shot gun early the morning of June 25, 1972.

The defendant testified her husband of 20 years hit her in the face, knocked her down and kicked her in the face.

Testimony revealed it was some time after the beating that Bullard went to bed, fell asleep and his wife shot him.

The two young Bullard children were asleep in the home at the time of the shooting but were not harmed. Also in the house were Curtis Rogers and Anthony Shaw Bullard, brother of the slain man.

A Lumberton man received three to five years imprisonment for forging, uttering and passing a forged check at the A & P Store last September.

T.B. Gainey entered guilty pleas to the charges he forged, uttered and passed the check for \$120.44 made payable to himself and bearing the name Earl K. Becht in the signature block.

Jimmie Lorenza McIntosh, Rt. 1, Box 466, Raeford, was convicted of DUI, second offense. He received eight months suspended two years upon payment of \$250 fine and costs. He was ordered to surrender his license, not to drive until properly licensed and to violate no penal laws.

Henry McNeill, Rt. 3, Raeford, was convicted of passing a worthless check to Marshall Parks for \$21.56. McNeill received a six-months sentence with recommendation he participate in the work release program. This sentence is to run concurrently with one McNeill is already serving.

Eugene "Doc" Campbell, Edinborough Ave., entered Nolo Contendere pleas to public drunk and simple assault charges. He received four months suspended two years.

Campbell was ordered not to appear in public when he has consumed any alcoholic beverage, to pay costs, and to violate no state or federal penal laws for two years. Judge Brewer directed anytime Campbell is arrested he is to be given the privilege of taking a breathalyzer.

James Ralph Kennedy, E. Donaldson Ave., charged with DUI, second offense, pleaded guilty to DUI, first offense. He received six months suspended three years upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. Kennedy was ordered to surrender his license not to drive until properly

licensed, not to violate any penal laws, to accept medical help and to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

David Lee Purcell, Rt. 1, Raeford, entered guilty pleas to charges of resisting arrest and obstructing an officer in line of duty. He received six months suspended three years upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Purcell was ordered to violate no penal laws.

The state took Nol Pros in a companion case charging Purcell with DUI and hit and run.

The state also took Nol Pros in a case charging Carl Virgil, Rt. 1, Box 551, Raeford, with violation of prohibition law.

Prayer for judgment was continued until April session following the conviction of A.H. Smith of simple assault. Smith was charged in connection with the rubber hose assault on David Probst April 15, 1970.

Other cases charging Smith with assault with a deadly weapon and malicious damage to personal property were continued until the April session.

Winford "Boss" Jones, Antioch Township, posted \$7,500 bond and was released from jail after Judge Brewer reduced the bond from \$25,000. Jones is charged with murder in connection with the Dec. 30, 1972 slaying of his wife Catherine.

John Bethune, Fayetteville, was released from jail Monday on \$2,500 bond. The bond was reduced from \$10,000 in superior court. Bethune is charged with murder in connection with the April 23 shooting of Johnny Daniel Fairley, of Oil Mill Section.

Corrado Is New Macks Manager

Ronald R. Corrado, a native of Brockton, Mass., reported Feb. 27 as new manager of Macks Variety and Fashions on Main Street. He is replacing Miles Boone, manager of the store for the past six months, who was transferred to be manager of the Rocky Mount, Va. store.

Corrado has been with the Macks chain three and a half years. He received his training at the firm's stores in Spring Lake, Rutherfordton and Belton, S.C.

For the past 11 months Corrado was manager of Macks in Black Mountain. While there he was board member and treasurer of the Black Mountain Swannanoa Jaycees.

The new manager who claims Fayetteville as home, graduated from Pine Forest High School and attended Fayetteville Technical Institute.

Corrado who is married and the father of a five-year-old girl and a 17-month-old son hopes to relocate his family to this area soon. They will attend the Parker Methodist Church.



J.E. Tindell

New Man Joins Force

J. E. Tindell of Laurel Hill joined the Raeford Police Department this week.

Tindell, a four-year veteran of the Andrews, S.C., police force, has attended several law enforcement training courses. He holds a South Carolina breathalyzer school certificate.

The new policeman, married and the father of two, hopes to relocate his family in the Raeford area soon.

Snow Days Cut Vacation

The Hoke County Board of Education met Monday in regular session with all members present. Also present were Board Attorney William Moses, Superintendent D. D. Abernethy, Assistant Superintendent F. R. Sutton, and Assistant Superintendent John D. McAllister.

The school calendar was amended to compensate for the last two days lost due to snow by eliminating two of the days previously set aside for Easter Holidays. As amended schools will be closed April 20 and 23.

Principals James Bowles and E. H. Oxendine appeared before the board and reviewed the operation and needs of their schools.

The board elected Gerald Maynor and Mrs. Fay Williams to teach at Upchurch School.

Authorization to begin the required self-study leading to re-evaluation of Hoke County High School by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was granted. Each member school is required to be re-evaluated every ten years. Hoke High was accredited in 1964.

The board discussed the ESEA Title I Project and instructed the staff to develop the program with emphasis on the early grades.

The U. S. Army's domestic action support of the Hoke County Health Center which began in October 1970 will terminate March 15 according to a letter made public at the board of county commissioners meeting Monday.

With the Army's withdrawal the clinic staff will consist of two registered nurses, one licensed practical nurse, one administrative secretary and one secretary.

In the past year three paid civilian employees resigned from the Health Center staff and none have been replaced. Gerald Hedrick, director, resigned in June. A registered nurse resigned in March 1972 and a licensed practical nurse resigned last September.

Affects of Withdrawal Roughly half of the services offered by the clinic will have to be discontinued without a doctor in attendance and the volume of other services offered by the clinic will have to be reduced.

Among the services which it appears will be discontinued are first-time pediatric examinations of young babies, prenatal care, planned parenthood clinics, venereal disease and tuberculosis testing, electrocardiogram tests, and the multiphasic screening which detects chronic diseases in their early and usually treatable stages.

Other services which the staff may be able to continue are immunizations, blood tests, follow-up pediatrics screening and X-Rays.

In keeping with the goals of the Army's military domestic action, helping people to help themselves, military personnel at the center are training the civilian personnel in health care procedures.

Work Volume The loss of the medical personnel will have great impact on Hoke County. The number of patients seen at the center during January of this year was 44 for X-Rays, five for nurse's screening, 27 in pediatrics, 145 immunizations, 56 for TB tests, 46 for family planning, 71 for prenatal care, 37 for multiphasic screening, and 86 for miscellaneous reasons including venereal disease tests and general information.

One of the two registered nurses employed at the clinic made more than 700 home visits last year. This averages more than 13 a week which is in addition to time spent at the health center during daily clinics.

Seek Doctor Mrs. Susan McKenzie, administrative secretary at the clinic, says she and her staff have talked to more than 20 doctors trying to find one who would be able to work part-time at the clinic. They have contacted doctors in Greensboro, Durham, Fayetteville, Southern Pines and Laurinburg.

Mrs. McKenzie says none of the doctors contacted were available but most promised to inform other physicians of the opening at the health center.

She says most doctors have far too heavy a work load to be able to take on the additional hours required at the clinic. She reports salary is not the reason for refusal because none of the conversations even reached the point where money was discussed.

The clinic is trying to hire a part-time physician funded through the state board of health and the county.

D. D. Abernethy, County Health chairman, reports the department would probably not have to ask for additional funds this fiscal year to hire a physician. He explains approximately \$7,500 was budgeted for the director's salary and he feels this may be used to pay a doctor through June of this year.

Letter The letter from Lt. Gen. John H. Hay, XVIII Airborne Corps and Ft. Bragg commanding general, to T. C. Jones, chairman of the county board, was dated Feb. 22.

Although this communication was the formal notification, Capt. Murray Lewis, XVIII Airborne Corps domestic action officer, reports he informed D. D. Abernethy, Hoke Health Department chairman, in January that military support of the clinic would end soon. Lewis says he told Abernethy in a phone conversation on February 12 or 13 that the final working day at the center for military personnel would be March 15.

In his letter General Hay states, "Ft. Bragg's domestic action began in Hoke County and we have enjoyed and profited from our experience there. Since 31 October 1970, the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance (JFK) has provided a physician and medical corpsmen to assist the staff of the Public Health Clinic.

"We have realized tremendous satisfaction in this project and your clinic has provided our personnel with valuable training in medical matters and related public health care.

"Domestic action projects must be commensurate with our military mission