

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Don't forget the organizational meeting of the Hoke Open Slow Pitch Softball league tonight (Thursday) at the Upchurch School gym at 7:30 o'clock. W.K. Morgan, summer recreation director, stated that all people interested in participating MUST be present at the meeting.

Mrs. Neill Adams McNeill, music director at Hoke County High School was telling me Sunday about the program given last Saturday night at Upchurch School Auditorium by a group from Hoke High and a group from Charlotte. The program consisted of religious folk music.

Monday I received the following letter concerning the concert.

Dear Mr. Morris,
Last night I was treated to an exceptional concert put on by an exceptional group of young Christians. A Raeford group, Civilization, and Joy, Inc. from Charlotte made a lasting impression on the entire audience with their sincere witnessing to their love of Jesus Christ through song and word.

Let all of us be thankful that young people such as these are so active in and around Raeford and show our gratitude by supporting their activities. Keep up with these Christians and don't miss them again. We should fill an auditorium to hear from our youth to show them that we do care for them and believe in them. Instead of criticizing the youth of today and giving up on them, be counted for them. These young people know the love of their Lord, Jesus Christ and are happy to share Him with all. Join in - a finer group of youth cannot be found anywhere. Let's support them one hundred percent.

Beth Johnson

A clipping was turned in this week telling about Miss Dorothy McNeill of Aberdeen, a first grade teacher in the Estes Hill Elementary School at Chapel Hill, who was recently presented the Educator of the Year award by the Chapel Hill - Carrboro Jaycees.

She is the daughter of W.H. McNeill and the late Mrs. McNeill of Aberdeen. Mr. McNeill was distributor for Pure Oil gasoline products in Hoke County for many years before retiring. He is well known in the county and his daughter is also known by many people here. Congratulations.

Girl Claims Two Raped

An alleged rape of a 13-year-old Hoke County girl was reported to sheriff's deputies at 3:25 a.m. Saturday. It appears the incident took place about 3 a.m. Saturday near the West Hoke School.

Three girls and two men were returning from Aberdeen when two of the girls were dropped off at their homes and the men took the third girl into the woods and allegedly raped her, reports investigating officer Harvey Young.

The victim was examined by a doctor who said he could find no evidence sexual relations had taken place. The girl's family was advised of the situation, but as of Tuesday morning no warrants had been issued in the case, authorities say.

'Four-Day Presbyterian Services Begin Sunday

Raeford's Presbyterian Church will hold a series of special services, Sunday through Wednesday.

The Rev. John C. Ropp, pastor,



REV. ADRIAN R. MUNZELL

Correction

In last week's edition a story concerning district court proceedings against five youths carried incorrect definitions of two legal terms.

Correct definitions are: nol pros with leave means the case may be reopened in the future at the request of the solicitor; nol pros means the case may be reopened in the future only at the request of the court or with the court's permission.

Wray Killer Sentenced

A young Air Force sergeant was sentenced to 30 years in prison Friday in Conway, S. C., for the September stabbing death of Rosemary Cameron Wray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cameron of Raeford, and granddaughter of Mrs. Florrie Cameron of Raeford.

Donnie B. Lemons, 24, England, Ark., also received a consecutive 30 year sentence in the death of Miss Dorothy Elaine Wright, 17, Hildebran.

South Carolina Circuit Judge Frank Eppes pronounced the sentences after Lemons pleaded guilty to manslaughter March 15.

Both women were vacationing at Myrtle Beach, S. C., when the brutal stabbing deaths occurred. Lemons was stationed at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

Mrs. Wray was attacked and killed Sept. 17 on a beach where she was taking an evening walk near an apartment she and three girl friends had rented for a 10-day vacation. Mrs. Wray was stabbed 13 times with a knife with a seven-inch blade, said Clayton Richardson, Horry County coroner.

Miss Wright was killed July 3 when she was stabbed 15 times.

Mrs. Wray, a 1963 graduate of Hoke High School and former queen of the 50th anniversary of Hoke County, was head of the High Point Kindergarten for the Handicapped. She began in the school in June 1971.

Earlier she worked with handicapped and retarded at the Starmount Center for the Handicapped in Greensboro and directed a program there.

She received a B.A. and M.A. in special education at Western Carolina University and taught at Piedmont Junior High in Charlotte, and Gillespie Junior High in Greensboro.

In addition to her parents and grandmother, survivors include, her widower Joe Edward Wray of Charlotte, one daughter, Mary Jo, and one sister, Mrs. Joanne Reid of Raleigh.

County Crime Investigations

An electric welder was taken March 13 from the Monroe Work Shop Rt. 2, Raeford. The thief entered by forcing the work shop door, reports Chief Deputy Sheriff Harvey Young.

It was reported to the Sheriff's Department Feb. 27 that someone took a water pump from the 401 Body Shop on Feb. 26. Deputy Sheriff Alex Norton is investigating.

It was reported to the Sheriff's Department Feb. 26 that two batteries were taken from a truck at the State Highway Garage, 211 cutoff, sometime between Feb. 24 and 26.

Norton is also investigating an incident in which damage was done to the Fred Riley house on 211 West. Someone put holes in the walls and ceilings, broke jars of food and smeared the contents on the walls and floors, spilled corn meal and flour on the floor and pulled a rug from the floor. Date the damage was done is unknown.

announces the Rev. Adrian R. Munzell, pastor of the Kendall Presbyterian Church in Miami, Fla., will be guest preacher.

The first service will be at the regular worship time Sunday and the series continues each day at 7:30 p.m. through Wednesday. L.S. Brock, Jr., is general chairman of the church committees planning the series.

Elder Brock, chairman of the Evangelism Committee of the Raeford Church, says an informal drop-in will be held in the church fellowship hall Saturday, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for everyone who desires to meet Mr. Munzell.

There will be a free snack lunch each day, Monday through Wednesday, at noon in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited, and Mr. Munzell will bring a Bible study to all in attendance, with dismissal promptly at 1 p.m.

Mr. Munzell will meet with young people of the church at 6 p.m. Sunday evening.

Many organizations within the church have been making extensive preparations for the services. Twelve cottage prayer See SERVICES, Page 9



CHERRY BLOSSOMS - Picture taken of trees on Main Street just four hours before spring officially arrived Tuesday, show cherry blossoms which obviously had a head start on the season.

City P.D. Strength Up; Seven Men Plus Chief

Recent hirings by the City of Raeford have brought the Police Department strength up to eight men. This is almost double the strength of the department in mid January when a rash of resignations had dropped the count to three men and Chief James E. Lamont.

Three new men joined the force this month: J. E. Tindell, Gilbert Tillman and Preston Moore. Junior Ward began in late January.

Salary for two of the new policemen will be partially paid through the Lumber River Criminal Justice Region. The state will furnish 80 percent of their salary and the city will pay 20 percent.

Tillman, a Hoke County High School graduate, was employed at Burlington Industries prior to joining the force. He and his wife reside in Raeford.

Moore served as a Hoke County deputy sheriff from July to December 1972. Before and after his stint with the Sheriff's Department Moore was employed by WFBS in Spring Lake as an announcer.

The Hoke County native gained his law

Center Opens Late June

Kenneth F. Spainhour, North Hills, Inc., expansion and leasing coordinator, said this week construction of the Edenborough Center should be completed by June 1. The original predicted completion date was somewhat earlier but heavy snow and rainfall have held up construction. At present the grand opening of the center is set for sometime between June 15 and July 1, says Spainhour.

Leases have been signed by the A&P for 19,600 square feet of space and by Mack's Variety Store for 13,200 square feet. Negotiations are underway for a third store of 12,000 square feet.

The first phase of the center will provide 52,000 square feet of retail store space. Spainhour says signing of the third lease would leave 7,200 square feet available, "enough for one or two small shops."

The center will be owned and operated by the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad Company, whose base of operation is in Laurinburg. North Hills Inc. is a Raleigh based real estate development and management firm.

Couple Robbed

A Springfield, Mo., couple was robbed of \$60 while walking at Rockfish and Wayside Roads about 2 p.m. Friday. Raymond and Becky Irby told sheriff's deputies three men in a car stopped and robbed them. They described one of the men as a Negro about 23 years old, six feet tall, weighing 155 pounds and wearing chin whiskers, reports indicate.

enforcement training with two years criminology study at Sandhills Community College. The veteran of two and a half years service with the Army resides in Hoke County with his wife and four children.

Miss Teal To Compete

RALFIGH, N.C. - Miss Linda Kaye Teal of Raeford, North Carolina has been invited to participate in the March 24 competition for the Julia Hamlet Harris Scholarships offered by Meredith College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Teal of 312 Jackson Street, Raeford.

Selected for scholastic achievement, intellectual promise, and leadership ability, Miss Teal, a senior at Hoke County High School, will be having interviews with a faculty selection committee at the College. From the 37 applicants chosen for the interviews, 12 will be named Harris Scholars.

A Harris Scholarship at Meredith ranges from \$100 to \$1,200 per year, depending on the financial need of the recipient. Winners will be notified of their selection by April 1.

Friday Morning Farm Stake Out Yields Suspect

Repeated stake outs by members of the Sheriff's Department last week resulted in the arrest of a Raeford man Friday morning and solved recent thefts of more than \$1,300 worth of hogs from the Raeford Livestock Farms, Inc., a subsidiary of Upchurch Milling and Storage Co.

Samuel Hendrix, Upchurch overseer, assisted in the stake out.

Jack McGregor, Rt. 1, Raeford, was charged with trespass and attempted larceny of two hogs and booked at county jail at 12:35 p.m. Friday. He was released under \$500 bond at 3:45 p.m. and is scheduled to appear in district court Friday.

The final stake out succeeded when Deputy Sheriff J.C. Barrington located a truck within a mile of the livestock farm which is just off U.S. 401 about three miles northeast of Raeford.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington said warrants will be drawn charging two men with forcible trespass and larceny of three hogs valued at \$186 on Feb. 28. Warrants will also charge trespass and felonious larceny of five hogs valued at \$437 on March 2, four hogs valued at \$296 on March 2 and five hogs valued at \$423 on March 12. Seventeen hogs valued at \$1,343 were taken over a 12 day period.

All hogs were sold to Fayetteville Union Stock Yard in Cumberland County, reports Sheriff Barrington.

Dr. Joseph Mark Aids Hoke Center

The Hoke County Health Center crisis has been alleviated, at least for the next few months, with the hiring of a former Army doctor, Joseph Mark.

Mark who was discharged at Ft. Bragg in early January will work 20 hours a week at the clinic until the end of June

when he will depart for his second year residency in surgery at Sinai Hospital, Detroit.

For more than two years the U.S. Army's domestic action program furnished a doctor and medical personnel to support the Hoke Clinic. March 15 the shortage of military doctors forced the Army to withdraw their support of the clinic.

It was feared about half the services offered by the clinic would have to be discontinued without a doctor in attendance. With Doctor Mark at the center most of these services will continue.

There is some question about reinstating multiphasic screening which detects chronic diseases in their early and usually treatable stages. Mrs. Susan McKenzie, administrative secretary at the clinic, says the equipment for the screening belongs to the state and she is waiting word from the State Health Department to see if they will return the equipment to Hoke County for the few months Doctor Mark will be there.

Mark's salary at the clinic is \$20 an hour with the state funding eight hours a week and the county picking up the tab for the remaining 12 hours a week.

Mark, a New York native, served two years with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, first as a battalion surgeon and later as assistant division surgeon. He attended the basic medical officers course at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and a preventive medicine course.

While at Bragg he occasionally worked at The People's Clinic in Fayetteville and participated in drug lectures and rap sessions at Reid Ross High School and Vardell Hall.

His academic background includes a B.A. from Cornell University, masters in chemistry from Queens College in New York City and M.D. from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Mark interned at Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, and served one year surgical residency at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn. The young doctor is a bachelor and resides in Fayetteville.



DR. JOSEPH MARK

Park Plans Discussed

At their meeting Tuesday the recreation board reviewed plans for improvement of City Park at McLaughlin School. City Manager John Gaddy attended this portion of meeting.

Total cost of planned improvements was estimated at \$50,000. The city council has approved spending \$15,000 in revenue sharing funds for the park.

Suggested improvements include volleyball courts, improved play area surface, new play equipment, surfacing and installing benches in a quiet area, tennis courts and removing four or five trees to form an area for pick up ball games.

The \$50,000 estimate does not include funds for lighting or construction of restroom facilities. It was pointed out the improvements could be made a little at a time rather than all at once and priorities were discussed.

It was decided to study the proposal and to research possible sources of help with the project.

A resolution commending the City of Raeford for their work in planning the park and for their cooperation with the board was passed.

The board decided to dispense with the Babe Ruth travel team which involves only 15 to 18 boys in favor of six softball teams which would involve about 120 young people.

During budget request discussions it was pointed out the county probably will not have the six Neighborhood Youth Corps personnel this year. Last year the recreation program was operated by W.K. Morgan, an assistant, one PACE worker and the six Youth Corps people.

The committee discussed possibility of obtaining a building to provide a place for teen dances, gatherings and rap sessions. It was the general feeling of board members the recreation program is in dire need of increased funds. The budget will be presented to the board of county commissioners April 9.

Morgan said, "We offer nothing for the 13 to 19 year olds. I don't know where they are going or what they are doing."

The committee decided to contact city officials concerning possible use of the vacant room at one end of City Hall for a teen center.

Seniors Due Homestead Act Tax Exemption

A number of Hoke County senior citizens are eligible for a tax exemption under the Homestead Act passed by the general assembly 1971 session," says Miss Josephine Hall, Hoke County Senior Citizens' co-ordinator.

Applications, which must be completed each year, are available at the Hoke County courthouse and must be

See SENIORS, Page 9

'I'll Listen To Hoke,' Says Henry W. Oxendine

(Editor's note - Henry Ward Oxendine of Pembroke was sworn into office by Secretary of State Thad Eure in a brief ceremony in front of the House of Representatives before beginning on Monday night's session.)

"I'll be glad to listen to any problems residents of Hoke County might have and I'll be glad to work with the people of Hoke County," said Henry Ward Oxendine, nominee to fill the 21st District House seat vacated by the death of Frank S. White. The statement was made by Oxendine Friday at his first press conference held at the Sim Brook Restaurant in Pembroke.

Oxendine also said he favored staggered terms for the five members of the board of education if this were the wishes of the people of Hoke County.

The 32-year-old former teacher is a senior at N.C. Central University Law School. Through the law school dean Oxendine has arranged his classes to enable him to attend all sessions of the General Assembly once his appointment is confirmed by Gov. James Holshouser. The Pembroke native, who will be the first Indian to serve in the legislature, was

Cubs Hold Car Wash, Bake Sale

Cub Scout Pack 405 will hold a car wash and bake sale Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Wood's Store in Rockfish.

nominated at the Hoke County courthouse Thursday by the six members of the 21st District House of Representatives Executive Committee of the Democratic Party.

Neill McAdyen, former six-time legislator from Raeford, presided over the meeting. Voting results were 356 for Oxendine and 73 for Andrew Williamson, Laurinburg attorney.

Votes were allotted on the basis of 1970 census population figures with each of the three counties in the district having one vote for each 300 population. Hoke had 55 votes, Scotland 90 and Robeson 283.

Robeson cast all votes for Oxendine. Hoke split with 28 for Oxendine and 27 for Williamson. Scotland also split with 45 votes for each candidate.

At the meeting W.T. McAllister spoke for Hoke County. Joseph M. Johnson Jr., serving as an alternate for Mrs. Virginia Hargrave of Scotland County, served as spokesman and nominated Williamson. Also attending from Scotland was Willie Thomas of Laurinburg. Representing Robeson County were Mrs. LaRue Jones of Fairmont, and Mrs. Brenda Brooks of Pembroke who nominated Oxendine.