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Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Most of the yards in Raeford are beautiful now with azaleas and other flowers in full bloom. It was supposed to freeze Tuesday night but we hope not.

When you have a pretty yard, after much work, you sometimes like to share it with other people. This is exactly what Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barbour of the Rockfish section of the county wants to do.

They invite all their friends and flower lovers to their azalea garden at their home. The house is located three miles beyond Rockfish going toward Hope Mills.

So take a drive down toward Rockfish and visit the Barbours.

Bill Bailey didn't bring in a chart this week so the rain last Saturday must not have changed his last chart enough for a new one. I hope Bill doesn't have to draw another chart for awhile so that the farmers can get into their fields.

A unique advertisement was brought by the office last week by Sam Copper. It was printed on a post card and dated February 18, 1907.

The post card had only a one cent stamp on it.

The card read as follows:

Spring Hope, N.C. Feb 18 1907

Remember: J.A. Marshbourn says that C.S. Mitchell told him that he heard D.L. Chappell say that H.S. Pool told him that John C. Matthews heard that there was no doubt that Hodge Collier said that Whit Hayes thought R.M. Thomas had told F.S. Wilder Geraldus Rice had declared to W.W. Hines that it was generally believed that A.B. Russell said in plain terms that he heard B.F. Taylor say that his friend S.E. Eure had said that J.D. Luper informed him that it was well known all over the country that Wilson Gay had caught G. W. Joyner in saying that in his opinion it was a matter of fact, of great public interest that J.J. Spivory had said Mc. Brantley, Esq., told him that Alfred Wheelless, Jr., was opening up for B. W. Upchurch the nicest and cheapest line of Shoes, Hats and Clothing ever offered for sale in Spring Hope before. Thanking you all for past favors and asking a continuance of your future patronage, I beg to remain,

Yours to serve,

Alfred Wheelless, Jr.

Booster Club Meets

Here Monday Night

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

Officers for next year will be elected and final plans for the athletic banquet scheduled May 16 will be discussed.

Coach Pecora Promoted Hoke Graduate Appointed

W.W. (Bill) Cameron, a Hoke County native, will be Hoke High School's football coach next year. The 1961 Hoke High School graduate, will also teach social studies.

John Pecora, coach for several years, has been promoted to fill a new position at the school, athletic director.

"The changes are necessary because the school athletic program has grown so much and become so complicated," said Raz Autry, principal.

Cameron, who returns to Hoke from McMinn Central High School in Etowah, Tenn., where he was head coach, played tackle at University of Tennessee. While at Tennessee he won the volunteer spirit award in 1965 and earned a B.S. in physical education and social studies.

He was assistant coach two years at Dublin High School, Dublin, Ga. and one year at Carolina Military Academy at Maxton.

His teams record during the four years he served as McMinn's head coach is impressive. In 1969 they won 3 and lost 7; 1970, 4 wins, 6 losses; 1971, 8 wins, 3 losses, 1972, 7 wins 3 losses. In 1971 the team won the Rockwood Jaycee Bowl, oldest bowl in the state. In 1972 Cameron was selected to coach in Tennessee secondary school athletic association All-Star game.

Cameron, who attended college on an athletic scholarship, says, "My main goal will be to give the people of Hoke County a state championship and to help as many boys as possible to receive college grants-in aid."

Governments Get Checks

The third revenue sharing checks covering the first quarter of 1973 arrived in Raeford and Hoke County Monday. The county received \$72,684 and the city's check was for \$23,400. The fourth checks are due early in July.

The amounts were slightly higher than was expected. T.B. Lester, county manager, attributes the increases, \$3,000 for the city and \$10,000 for the county, to inclusion of five percent withheld from the second checks which were received in January.

The most recent check brings the total revenue sharing funds received by the county to \$326,828. The Board of County Commissioners designated \$128,000 of the funds for a new Board of Education Building and landfill equipment.

City revenue funds now total \$103,166. Of this \$80,000 has been earmarked for the municipal building, new garage and McLauchlin Park.

Final general revenue sharing regulations are being printed by the federal government and it is hoped they will be mailed to local governments next week.

Violations Earn Revocations

In district court Friday probations were revoked and suspended sentences were activated for two youths who broke probation terms meted out for convictions of misdemeanor breaking and entering last February.

The youths, Louis Roger Shands, 16, Dundarrach, and Howard Rufus Hayes, 16, 702 Saunders Street, began serving two - year sentences as youthful offenders following Friday's court session. They were originally sentenced for the Jan. 16 break-in of the A.D. Austin residence on Edinborough Ave.

The two were seen together in Raeford March 17 at 8:30 p.m. by Policeman Harold Hooks. They were arrested together by deputy sheriffs during evening hours March 23 in a Robbins Heights poolroom operated by Bill Phillips.

On both occasions the boys broke probation restrictions that they not be out at night without an adult chaperone and that none of the convicted youths associate with each other except for association required at church or school.

Judge Joseph E. Dupree told the youths they had received every possible break and had been convicted of misdemeanors instead of felonies as originally charged.

Dupree told the youth's lawyers, "If you appeal this probation revocation ruling, I will advise the district attorney to reopen the felony cases in which no probable cause was found and to present those cases to the grand jury."

The new coach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cameron Sr., Rt. 3, Raeford, is married to the former Rhenda Pierce of Kingsport, Tenn.

Athletic Director Pecora will assume some athletic responsibilities which have been handled in the past by coaches and administrative personnel. Included in his responsibilities will be scheduling, purchasing and inventory. He will also supervise maintenance of equipment and athletic facilities.



W.W. (BILL) CAMERON



MAKESHIFT BRIDGE - Robert Hussey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hussey of Ashley Heights looks at water as he crosses a temporary bridge at West Hoke Elementary School. The bridge connects the classroom addition to the main building of the school.

Henry Oxendine States Position On Legislation

"I'm not going to represent any special group or special interests. No, I'm approaching my job with an open mind. I'll listen to all sides of an issue and then make up my mind and cast my vote," said State Rep. Henry Ward Oxendine, D-Robeson, Saturday during his first visit to Hoke County after appointment to fill seat in Legislature vacated by death of Frank S. White last month.

Oxendine who held an informal question and answer dialogue with Hoke Countians at the County Courthouse voiced his opinions on a number of issues.

SOFT DRINK TAX

"There is much lobbying to repeal the soft drink tax which will take 40 million dollars from the state. Can the state give it up? Will it go back to the consumer? Most agree it will not.

"A bill introduced in the Senate to repeal the three percent sales tax on food would benefit more people than the soft drink tax repeal.

"This bill would cost the state 120 million in revenue but would add 80 million in sales tax by subjecting automobiles, boats and other vehicles to sales tax on full purchase price.

Maximum sales tax on an automobile is presently \$120.

OTHER TAXES

"There are presently 19 different tax bills in the assembly. One would allow an additional \$2,000 exemption for mentally retarded children. This would reduce revenue by 3 million dollars but it does have merit.

"If all are approved it will reduce revenue by 400 million dollars and yet we have requests for \$400 million dollars in new programs—you go broke that way!

"If price of gasoline continues to



HENRY WARD OXENDINE

increase, we will have to look at it...gasoline is not really a necessity.

TEACHERS EXAM

"I hope this will be postponed until the new State Board of Education meets to consider it...The National Teachers Exam is not a good measuring stick for teaching...any college graduate can pass it even if he has taken no education courses...but at the same time, we need a measurement of some kind...one that tests teaching ability, just as a medical exam tests a doctor's ability.

SCHOOL BOARDS

"I favor a non-partisan school board elected on the same basis as town officials. If three positions are to be filled, we should accept the top six in

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Nol Pros And Suspended Sentence For Lunsford

In district court Friday the state took nol pros with leave in a case charging William D. Lunsford, U.S. 401, with driving while license was suspended. Assistant District Attorney James Little asked for the nol pros after reading a letter dated March 22 from the State Department of Motor Vehicles to R. Palmer Wilcox, Lunsford's attorney. The letter stated, "Revocation of Lunsford's driving privileges based on refusal to submit to a chemical test (breathalyzer) has been rescinded pending a hearing."

Judge Joseph E. Dupree questioned, "Then that means his operator's license was not suspended at the time of his arrest?" Little said that was correct.

Lunsford had allegedly refused the breathalyzer Feb. 18 and was arrested by Raeford Patrolman Harold Hooks March 26 on the driving with suspended license charge.

The Feb. 18 DUI case was also disposed of in court Friday. Lunsford who works at the city garage, entered a

guilty plea and received a six-months sentence, suspended 18 months and was placed on probation 18 months. He was fined \$250 plus costs and granted limited driving privileges for 12 months.

Under the limited privilege stipulation Lunsford may drive his own vehicle from home to city hall via U.S. 401 and Main Street in the mornings and return via the same route after work. During the course of employment he may drive city vehicles.

Help Continues

Two Cumberland County deputy sheriffs, Bill Thomas and Robert Anweiler, assisted Raeford policemen with their duties last weekend. Also helping the department was Hoke County ABC Chief J. Kermit Riley. The Hoke County Sheriff's Department was on call to assist city police if needed.

Ditch May Solve School Problem

Feds Arrest Hoke Indian

Bond was set at \$10,000 in federal court in Fayetteville Tuesday for an Antioch man charged with interfering with federal officers searching a Robeson County home Monday where agents found two truckloads of documents taken during Indian occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs last fall.

The Hoke Countian, the Rev. Elias Rogers, 44, was arraigned along with two Robeson County men, Keever Locklear, 40, and Dock Locklear, Jr. 27. Dock Locklear's bond was set at \$25,000 and Keever Locklear's at \$10,000.

Agents report this was the third and largest seizure of BIA documents uncovered in Robeson County within three weeks. FBI agents said Dock Locklear resisted federal agents and sheriff's deputies who went to his home Monday shortly after 3:30 p.m.

Keever Locklear and Rogers were arrested when they forcefully protested the FBI agents searching Dock Locklear's home, officers said.

Rogers hit the headlines a few years ago with charges the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. practiced racial discrimination through the misuse of proxy ballots.

Rogers was appointed to fill an at-large directorate on the governing board of the electric co-op in April 1972 but he filed a \$258,656 suit against the firm in August 1972. That case is still pending in federal court.

School Board Changes Dates

At a special meeting Monday night the School Board adopted a resolution suspending five days lost due to snow. Subject to approval of the State Board of Education the resolution amends the calendar to restore faster vacation to four days, April 19 through 24.

Seven days were lost due to snow this year and only one has been made up. If the state board approves suspension of five of those days, the school year will end May 29 for students and June 1 for teachers. This will be 175 school days instead of the regularly scheduled 180 days.

Annual Horse Show Is Sat.

The Raeford Woman's Club annual horse show is Saturday 9 a.m. at the Stanton Farm Stables.

The event is a registered show of the

The Hoke County Board of Education let bids Wednesday morning for cleaning and clearing a ditch behind West Hoke School to solve the drainage problem.

Z.B. Toller, state highway superintendent, and Fred Beck, state highway engineer, checked the area Tuesday and recommended opening the ditch which has not been cleared since 1958.

The work will be done by a commercial firm. D.D. Abernethy, Hoke School superintendent, contacted the domestic action officer at Ft. Bragg for assistance but found the Army does not have the proper equipment available at this time to undertake the project.

The water-drainage-sewage situation at West Hoke School is being closely watched by officials. Flooding of the school yard created concern about the potability of drinking water.

Abernethy, reports drinking water at West Hoke is being tested daily. The latest test Tuesday afternoon indicated the water was safe to drink.

The first sample was sent to Raleigh for testing but all are now tested at the McCain Sanatorium, so test results are quickly known.

One reason the water at the school has remained potable is construction of the well which is quite deep, tightly sealed and has a submersible pump. All of this helps prevent contaminated surface water from seeping into the drinking water supply.

The unusually heavy rains created additional problems at West Hoke. Much of the school yard and surrounding areas are under water. Raised paths between portable classrooms and other buildings have been made of cinder blocks and boards. Students and teachers are, for the most part, able to move from building to building without wading.

Problems with the sewage system are also beginning to appear. Under normal conditions waste matter, after proper treatment in the septic tank, drains into lower levels of the surrounding area. Flooding of the ground has caused the septic tank to fill and some of the school toilets are not functioning properly. Material from the septic tanks has nowhere to go because drainage fields are already oversaturated. It is possible some of the rain water is backing into the septic tank.

In an attempt to cut the amount of waste material and water flowing into the tank, the lunchroom has been using paper plates, reports Abernethy.

Russell Mills, county sanitarian, reports the ditch behind the school served, at one time, as a drainage source.

In the meantime authorities will continue to test the water and keep a close watch on the situation. Abernethy

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Griffin Returns To Raeford



KERMIT GRIFFIN

Kermit Griffin was sworn in as a policeman on the Raeford force April 2. Griffin who attended Howard Best High School in Louisburg lived in Raeford from 1954 to 1969. He served one year on the Raeford police force in 1968.

The new patrolman, his wife and three of their five children returned to Raeford two months ago from Raleigh where Griffin was an automobile salesman. They reside on Crawford Street.

C Of C Backs Library Board

The Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce directors held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

The Board of Directors endorsed the Hoke County Library Board's request of a proposed new library to be located on the ground of the J.W. McLauchlin School.

Six names given to the Board by the nominating committee for new directors were approved. The names will be submitted to the general membership and three will be elected to serve three years.

Final plans for the annual dinner May 21 at W.T. Gibson Cafeteria were discussed.

A brief report was made by Lewis Quick, president of the local merchant association, and the board discussed local merchant activities.