

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

A short note from Raz Autry follows:

"On behalf of the young people that Don Steed and I took to Tenn. to compete in the Junior Olympics I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Booster Club for sponsoring the trip. The Booster Club, and the people that support it have been one of the main reasons our athletic program has been successful. Many thanks.

Sincerely,
Raz Autry"

The results of this track meet can be found elsewhere in the paper.

A week or so ago a letter came to the office requesting that The News-Journal be mailed for six months to a certain lady and charge the subscription to her. Monday the following letter was received at this office:

Dear Sir:

Last week I sent a letter to the Radford News-Journal, 1st Grove Ave, Radford, Va. 24141 requesting a six months' subscription to their paper. Today we received a copy of the Radford News-Journal. I can only guess that the letter was sent to you even though it was clearly addressed otherwise. Please do not send any more papers. Sorry for the mix-ups.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Peter G. Vandenburg."

This is not the first time this has happened. We received some film one week that should have gone to Radford. The mix-up must happen because of sloppy postal service somewhere along the line. Radford and Raeford could get mixed up but Virginia and North Carolina don't look much alike or neither do the zip codes. I don't believe the change over has improved the postal service.

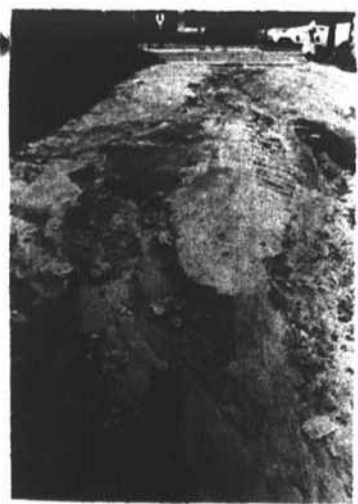
I was off for a few days last week and along with Mary Alice went down to the beach for a few days. The weather was fine the entire stay at the beach and everyone there seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Ofcourse the gas shortage was on my mind since the stations here have been letting you have a certain amount. So on Saturday I went to a station to fill up for the trip back. I asked the attendant had he noticed the shortage and he replied that he had run out of regular gas once but he didn't ask for a refill that day because he wanted to sell his high test gas.

Sunday I drove back in the rain all the way from Carolina Beach. I noticed that most gas stations were open and it surprised me since most of the stations here close because of a shortage. Anyway if you have not gone to the beach because of gas shortage forget about that.

I don't know how much it rained Monday night but the alley between Sears and The News-Journal has just about washed away. Also part of the sidewalk has broken up and it washed away the foundation under it.

I haven't seen Bill Bailey but I know he will come through with a chart the last of the month.



EROSION - Heavy downpour this week washed away dirt surface of Sears and Roebuck parking area beside Sears' building on Elwood Avenue. Water also undermined sidewalk at Elwood end of dirt strip and chunks of cement broke away from walk and dropped into hole. Sears Building and parking strip are owned by Mrs. H.D. Harrison Jr. of Raleigh and her brother Dr. Howard Baucom of Goldsboro.

Board OKs Center Reorganization

IEA Funds Approved

Hoke County Board of Education will receive \$43,847 in Indian Education Act (IEA) funds for the 1973-74 school year. Federal government approval of Hoke County plan for use of the funds was received Thursday. All proposals in the county plan were approved.

The funds based on a rate of \$61 per Indian students enrolled in the school system will be used to help include more Indian students in present school activities.

A portion of the money will be used to purchase a mini bus to provide transportation to and from extracurricular activities, practices and rehearsals. Also planned are assistance with purchase of musical instruments and acquiring instructional media, books and films, depicting accurate Indian history.

Guidance counseling and home visiting programs will also be financed by IEA money. Home visitor Lewis Oxendine has been hired for approximately \$400 a month. Negotiations are underway with a prospective guidance counselor to be paid in accordance with state teachers rates.

An advisory council was elected at meetings in May and proposals resulted from suggestions at the meetings which were considered by the council. At least half of the council membership had to be parents of Indian children who would participate in the program.

Lottery Set

Lottery to select students for the three state kindergartens in Hoke County will be 2 p.m. July 27 at the Board of Education building. Drawing names will be principals of schools conducting the kindergartens: James Bowles, McLaughlin School; Woodrow Westall, West Hoke School; and Floyd W. Caldwell, Scurlock School.

Parents of children selected will be notified the following week. Eligible for selection are all children who will be five years old on or before Oct. 15. D.D. Abernethy, superintendent of schools, asks individuals who know of children in this age bracket to contact the Board of Education office, 875-4106.

The three year new state I. ndergarten classes are in addition to the four or five ESEA kindergartens which will continue in the county this coming year.

Area Thefts Investigated

Raeford police are investigating two recent area thefts.

A pocketbook was reported taken from a parked auto at 109 E. Sixth Ave. at 4:15 p.m. Sunday. Owner Ruby Conoly, 504 E. Donaldson said she was visiting the residence for a short time Sunday and when she returned to her car the pocketbook was gone.

She reported approximately \$100 was in the pocketbook. Police officers Earl Tindall and Gilbert Tillman are investigating.

Hugh Gardner, manager of Hughes Texaco, reported an estimated \$23 cash missing from soft drink and cracker machines at the station over the weekend.

Investigating officers J.C. Barrington and Kermit Griffin reportedly found no signs of forced entry. Further investigation showed that a set of keys to the machines had been lost a few months ago. The investigation is continuing.

Old Cars Go

The drive to rid Hoke County of abandoned and junked cars is still underway. Spokesmen for the Raeford Kiwanis Club, co - sponsor for the project, with the Raeford Woman's Club remind individuals wishing to have old vehicles removed to contact, by phone or in person, Raeford Auto Company, Main Street, 875-2125; Hoke Auto Company, 217 N. Main St., 875-3363; or Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, 120 W. Edinborough, 875-2179.



FARM VOTE - W.J. Coates, manager of J.L. McNeill Farms casts ballot Tuesday morning in referendum to determine if flue-cured tobacco farmers wished to continue the acreage-poundage program and price support in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Seated in background is J.B. McLeod, referendum committeeman of Raeford Township. Polling place was in ASCS office in Federal Building.

Board of Health Loses Members

A public health service law passed in 1973 session by the General Assembly has affected the Hoke County board of health and may have even more serious impact in the future.

July 11 word was received that two ex - officio members of the board must terminate service immediately in order to comply with state law. They were School Superintendent and Chairman of the Board of Health D.D. Abernethy and Raeford Mayor J.K. McNeill. State officials did, on request, grant special permission for Abernethy to remain on the board long enough to conduct the regularly scheduled quarterly health board meeting that evening.

Under the old law the superintendent of schools, mayor of the county seat and chairman of the board of county commissioners were automatically ex - officio members of the county board of health and they appointed other members to the board.

These additional members had to include one physician, one dentist and one pharmacist plus other public members. The old law also provided a private citizen could be appointed in lieu of the doctor, dentist and pharmacist should any of these not be available to serve on the board. No limitation was placed on length of service of board members under the old law.

Under the new law there are no ex - officio members and all members are appointed by the board of county commissioners. It states "The county board of health shall include: one licensed physician, one licensed dentist, one licensed pharmacist, one county commissioner and five persons appointed from the general public." No provisions are made for alternate appointments in the event any of these are unavailable for service on the board. Practicing in Hoke County are two physicians, one dentist and four pharmacists.

The removal of Abernethy and McNeill leaves the board with seven members: Walter Coley, pharmacist and

NYC Jobs Re-funded

Additional Hoke County summer jobs have been created by re-funding of the Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) by the U.S. Department of Labor. Twenty-five applicants applied Monday, the first day under the new funding, reports Jeff McNeill, NYC county coordinator.

Applicants must be 14 years old or older and attending public school. They must also be from disadvantaged or low income families. When applying individuals should have their social security number and proof of age.

Applications are available at the NYC office on the second floor of the Federal Building between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information is available at

new chairman; Dr. Julius Jordan, Hoke County's only practicing dentist; Dr. R.G. Townsend, physician; T.C. Jones, chairman board of county commissioners; Louis Oxendine; Willie Sanders; and Stephen Williams.

Under a tenure provision in the new law these men are limited to serving three consecutive three - year terms. At the July 11 meeting many of the board members thought they had served almost the number of years allowed under the new law.

A search of records reported Wednesday morning indicated only Dr. Townsend will have served nine consecutive years when his term expires in 1974. Dr. Jordan has served five consecutive years plus an earlier term from 1959 to 1962. Coley and Williams have served six years and Sanders and Oxendine began terms in 1972.

'Missing' Men

Two unidentified men were found to be fishing after they had been reported missing and feared drowned a thorough search by the Hoke County Squad failed.

The men called the Sheriff's office about 3 p.m. July 12 and reported they had been fishing in the head of Hodgins' pond and had seen rescue Squad efforts, but hadn't realized the search was for them.

The men were reported missing from the pond about 9:30 a.m. Sheriff's Deputies Alex Norton and Chester R. Bolton called the Hoke County Rescue Squad to Hodgins' Pond, Antioch, where one of the men's car was found and a boat was discovered floating in the pond.

Rescue squad members led by Danny DeVane searched the pond using long poles for dredging and beam lights. The search continued through the rain until about 1 p.m. when DeVane reported they found nothing.

Deputies continued to look for the men hoping they had gone to another area pond to fish, and were notified after the men called in.

the office, 875-2263.

Last year 60 summer jobs were filled under NYC. No job limit has been set so far this year. McNeill reports number of jobs allotted will probably be based on requests from non-profit organizations for workers including clerical maintenance, recreation, child care and other fields.

Because the program is so late beginning this year workers will put in 40-hour weeks for six weeks. Last year participants began in May and worked 26 hours a week. Pay was \$1.60 an hour and it is expected to be the same this year.

The federally funded program is administered by the Sandhills Community Action Program.

Farmers Voted For Proposals

Hoke County farmers voted overwhelmingly yes in Tuesday's referendum on tobacco and cotton crops.

They voted 244 for and only 4 against the flue - cured tobacco marketing quota for three years beginning July 1, 1974.

They voted 240 in favor of continuing the assessment on tobacco acreage planted for the three - year period 1974 - 76. Seven no votes were cast.

Two hundred and two farmers voted to authorize collection of up to 25 cents per bale on cotton by the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association, Inc. for the crop years 1974 through 1979. Seven negative votes were cast.

Banks Change Interest Rates

Both banks in Raeford are taking advantage of new laws which permit increased interest rates. Southern National Bank announced increases last week and Bank of Raeford followed with an announcement this week.

Interest at the banks are similar. Both pay five percent on regular or passbook savings accounts, five and one half percent for 90 day certificates and six percent on one - year certificates.

SNB pays five and one half percent on special savings accounts and six and one half percent on two-and-a-half-year certificates. Bank of Raeford does not offer special savings accounts but pays six and a half percent on two - year certificates of deposit.

Schools Await Meal Approval

The Hoke County school system is waiting federal approval for free lunch and breakfast policy including prices for the 1973-74 school year. In the past free, reduced price and paid lunches existed. This year only free or paid lunches will be offered.

Last week the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the national average payment to schools from general cash-for-food assistance funds for lunches will remain at eight cents per lunch.

USDA also announced national average payment for school breakfast programs will remain at five cents and 20 cents, respectively, for each paid and free breakfast served.

In Hoke County lunches cost elementary students 35 cents each and high school students 40 cents. This coupled with the eight cent government supplement means school cafeterias must turn out lunches for 43 and 48 cents. Increased food prices and higher wages could make this a difficult accomplishment for the coming year.

Another area where pricing may present problems is serving extra milk in the school cafeterias, according to D.D. Abernethy, school superintendent.

In the past USDA paid a three-cent supplement on each extra milk purchased by students. The school system was paying wholesale price of seven cents for each white milk and seven and a half cents for each chocolate milk and selling each to students for five cents.

Without the USDA supplement the local school system will have to take bids and let a contract for the milk supply. It is highly likely the full wholesale price will be passed on to students.

Car Recovered

A car reported missing by Bernard Bray, manager of Raeford Auto Company, at 5 p.m. Saturday was recovered late Tuesday. Highway Patrolman C.A. Bennett, on routine patrol, spotted the car at an Antioch service station. When he went to investigate, several occupants of the car reportedly ran from the scene. Slight damage to the left side and right side chrome was reported.

The 1973 rental car registered to Raeford Auto Co. was reportedly taken from a parking space on Edinborough Ave. between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday. Earlier investigation by police officers Earl Tindall and Gilbert Tillman indicate keys may have been left in the car.

Investigation is continuing.

At their regular quarterly meeting July 11 members of the board of health voted to implement all Health Center reorganization recommendations made by Dr. Joseph Mark before he left the center last month.

Mark, who joined the clinic on a temporary basis last March, agreed to work at the center while waiting to begin second year residency in surgery at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Before leaving Hoke County he compiled a six - page report suggesting ways the clinic could continue to operate effectively without a doctor in constant attendance. Under Mark's plan most clinic services could continue.

The Health Board's unanimous and blanket approval of Mark's recommendations included promoting administrative secretary Mrs. Susan McKenzie to administrative assistant to the director or chairman of the board. Her salary was tentatively at \$8,320 subject to approval by the state. The promotion, effective Aug. 1, should not affect the Health Center salary budget since pay for a director is included in the budget and may be used to cover the new salary for Mrs. McKenzie.

The position of director has remained vacant since Gerald Hedrick left the Health Center in June 1972. Also resigning and never replaced were a registered nurse in March 1972 and a licensed practical nurse in September the same year.

In line with Dr. Mark's recommendations a registered nurse was hired by the board to fill one of the vacancies. Katherine Marie Ellis of Wagram, presently employed in the intensive care unit at Scotland Memorial Hospital, is scheduled to begin work Aug. 1.

With the hiring of Mrs. Ellis the clinic staff will consist of the administrative assistant, three registered nurses, one licensed practical nurse and one secretary.

Most pressing need at the moment is for the Health Board to arrive at an agreement with a physician to serve in back - up, consulting and diagnostic capacities for the Health Center. This would involve the physician being on call in his own office for consultation and emergency treatment while immunizations are administered in the Health Center. Dr. Riley Jordan has been temporarily serving in this capacity since Mark left the center.

In venereal disease cases Mark suggested a physician serve as consultant in his own office and write medication orders. Then Health Center personnel could administer the medicine at the doctor's office.

In pre - natal cases the physician, again in his own office, would serve in a diagnostic capacity. Most of the physical examinations, laboratory tests, and follow - up visits could be handled

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Man Held On \$1,500 Bond

A Ft. Bragg soldier was being held in county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bond in connection with a July 8 incident at Harmony Heights, Pfc. Scott Joe Anderson is charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one count of malicious injury to personal property.

One assault charge and the injury to property charge were brought by a fellow soldier Bradford Ogburn. The second assault charge was brought by Bruce J. Paige. Information on the warrants indicates they were issued in Hoke County July 8, received by Cumberland County authorities the same day and served July 13.

In a cross complaint filed by Anderson July 14 Ogburn, who lives in Harmony Heights, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and released on \$300 bond.

Allegedly Anderson used a steel tray from a tool box as a weapon in assaulting Ogburn and Paige and he damaged Ogburn's vehicle. The cross complaint against Ogburn alleges he used a wrench to strike Anderson. The cases are scheduled in district court Friday.

Tourney Set

Raeford Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Southeastern District Number 5 slow pitch softball tournament sanctioned by the American Softball Association.

The tournament began Tuesday with 16 teams entered. Games are played at the Raeford Armory Park and begin at 6:30 p.m. week nights with the finals scheduled July 28 at 7:45 p.m.

W.K. Morgan is serving as Tournament Director and L.W. Bledsoe is District Commissioner.