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Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

Robert Gatlin came by the office Monday morning and brought with him a cucumber approximately 18 inches long and a cantaloupe that weighed 8½ pounds. Now Gatlin was not like some others that have been by the office with produce, when he left, he also left the produce at the office. He stated that he challenged Dick Neeley to get something like this out of his wife's garden.

Now I wrote once that if the Neeley's had a garden it would be Jesse's and from reports I understand she wants the garden air conditioned like Dick's tractor.

The following letter was received from the Rev. Herman Winberry:

"I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to Mr. G. Raz Autry, to the Board of Education and to all who made contributions for our new tennis courts. These are a splendid addition to the athletic program of the school and are open to the citizens of Hoke County. I sincerely hope all who play will abide by the rules that these splendid courts may be used for many years.

"Once again, I thank Mr. Autry and all who had any part in the building of these fine tennis facilities. I have noticed these courts are being used more and more and this is the kind of activity that will pay big dividends in the lives of young men and women."

I also received the following note from Mrs. Crawford Thomas Jr. who is on the committee for recycling glass.

"Thank you so very much for the great space you gave the glass recycling project this week. Your help at The N-J has certainly helped make this project the success it is.

Don't forget to look at Bill Bailey's rain chart in the paper this week. Bill stated Monday that over 11 inches had fallen in Raeford during the month of July. I would say that more rain has fallen in 1973 than any other year since I can remember.

In the 1930's we had a depression and some others around the county can remember it like I can. You didn't have any money to buy the food and clothing that were available. Now in the 1970's it would appear that the opposite is with us. You have the money but food and clothing are becoming things you can't buy.

In other words a depression backwards from the 30's.

Meat Prices Up, Supply Down

Beer Sales Ruled Never On Sunday

A recent ruling by the N. C. Supreme Court will affect Sunday beer sales for all license holders in Hoke County, according to District Attorney Jack Thompson.

The ruling handed down July 11 states all prohibition laws must be absolute and applied to all beer and wine sales including those in private clubs, restaurants and package stores. This applies to sales for both on and off premise consumption.

Only two businesses in Hoke County hold brown bag licenses. The Little Whale is not open on Sunday. Rowland's Oyster Bar, Plank Road, is open on Sunday and owner Creston H. Rowland has been advised by J. K.

Bullard Jailed After Breakin

An Antioch man was being held in Hoke County jail Monday in lieu of \$2,800 bond on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, larceny, breaking and entering, resisting and injury to personal property in connection with an incident at Shara's Grill in Antioch. The accused, Alton Bullard, 20, is scheduled to appear in district court Aug. 10.

Bullard is charged with breaking into a van driven by Arthur D. Offit of Rockingham while Offit was servicing vending machines inside the grill. Bullard allegedly took four cases of syrup and one case of cups valued at \$101.

When Offit tried to recover the merchandise Bullard allegedly attacked him with a pocket knife. Offit broke loose and locked himself in the van. Bullard then reportedly broke the truck window and attempted to reach inside with the knife.

After leaving the scene Offit returned with deputy Sheriffs George Brown, J. R. Young and Chester Bolton. The officers indicate Bullard was passed out on the pool table when they arrived but he resisted arrest by kicking and swinging arms and they report using necessary force to subdue and arrest him. It is believed Bullard returned at least two cases of syrup.

Riley, county ABC officer, not to sell beer on Sunday or he will be in violation of the law.

Hoke County passed a ban on Sunday beer sales in September 1966. It states "The sale of beer and or wine shall be prohibited in Hoke County from 11:45 p.m. on each Saturday until 7:30 a.m. on the following Monday.

Prior to the July 11 ruling the state exempted businesses with brown bag licenses from local laws which prohibited Sunday beer and wine sales. The new ruling abolishes that practice.

Thompson said a state-wide prohibition law makes it illegal to sell beer or wine anywhere in North Carolina between 2 a.m. and noon on Sunday. The supreme court said from noon on compliance with local ordinances is constitutional and enforceable.

Lottery Furnishes Names

Friday afternoon Woodrow Westall, West Hoke School principal, drew names of students to attend the new state kindergarten class at Scurlock School. The first two names chosen in the lottery were Anthony Ray and William Black. Next James Bowles, McLauchlin principal drew names of West Hoke students and Floyd W. Caldwell Scurlock principal, picked students for the McLauchlin School class.

Twenty-six names were selected for each of the three classes. Then remaining names were drawn and placed on an alternate list in the order in which they were drawn.

D.D. Abernethy, Hoke school superintendent, pointed out the selection must conform to the racial and sex ratio of the community. However in some categories there were very few applicants and the chances of being



KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY - James Bowles, McLauchlin School principal, draws names in lottery for spaces in three state kindergarten classes to be conducted at McLauchlin, Scurlock and West Hoke schools. Also participating in the drawing were principals from the other two participating schools Floyd W. Caldwell and Woodrow Westall.

selected were much greater for children in these categories. For instance only one Indian child had been entered for selection in the Scurlock School system.

Final selections were Scurlock-13 Negroes, (seven boys and six girls), one Indian, (a boy), and 12 whites (five boys and seven girls); West Hoke - 14 Negroes (seven boys and seven girls). See LOTTERY, Page 13

Registration

Students who will attend Hoke County High School for the 1973-74 school year, but have not registered yet, should register at the High School Guidance Department before August 20, according to Bobby Locklear, guidance counselor. Students may register between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Vandals Hit Scurlock

Vandals had a busy and destructive time at Scurlock School recently when they went hog wild with paint cans, rollers and brushes. The incident was reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department July 26 at 9:15 a.m.

The culprits poured paint on sidewalks in the school quadrangle, splashed paint on doorsteps, photo left, scratched and defaced newly refinished door surfaces and painted the usual four-letter variety of graffiti and names and initials on a brick exterior wall, photo center.

Linwood E. Huffman, who works as a summer painter at the school, said outside of the building was damaged during the night before and additional vandalism occurred in the cafeteria the preceding weekend. He reports most of the paint splashed on four of the doors was still wet when he reported to work that morning and workers were able to remove the wet paint without damage to the finish. The exterior

classroom door surfaces were etched with words, names and scribbles, apparently with a sharp instrument. Cleanup and repair of damage was estimated at \$50.

Huffman said vandals had damaged inside the cafeteria the preceding weekend. They poured paint on floors, chairs, photo right, and stairs. Rollers were used to place wattle stripes of paint down center of table tops and some paint was left on walls.

Scurlock Principal Floyd W. Caldwell reports vandalism siphons \$800 to \$1,000 from the school budget each year. He says he does not know if vandals are elementary-aged students or older ones. He points out the area behind the school is frequently used as a lovers lane, beer party site and minibike strip.

Deputy Sheriff George Brown is investigating last week's vandalism at the school.

Police Check Area Thefts

Four tires and wheels were reported taken from a 1972 Ford parked at the Raeford Auto Company body shop parking lot Tuesday. The company's body shop manager told police the car was placed on blocks. Value of the missing items was estimated at \$225. The case is under investigation.

Mary Cook, 215 Lamont St., reported an eight track tape player and three tapes taken from her car between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday. The car was parked in the Raeford Turkey Plant parking lot while Mrs. Cook was working. She estimated the value of the missing items at \$59.55. Police are investigating.

Hugh Gardner, owner of Hugh's Texaco, North Main Street, reported Sunday that \$12 to \$15 and four or five cartons of cigarettes were missing from the cigarette machine at the station. An investigation by Police Officers Earl Tindall and Gilbert Tillman showed no signs of forced entry. The investigation continues.

Two Accidents Reported Here

The State Highway Patrol reported two accidents in Hoke County this week. A Laurinburg man was taken to Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg for observation following a two-vehicle accident about eight miles south of Raeford on U. S. 401 near Hilltop 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Robert Edward Jordan Jr., was admitted to Womack complaining of a stiff jaw after his car collided with a pulpwood truck owned by George Marion of Duffie. Apparently Jordan's car was trying to pass Marion's vehicle which was attempting a left turn at time of accident, reports Highway Patrolman Ken Weston. No charges were filed.

Following a two-vehicle, non-injury accident at 1 p.m. Monday Paul Baxley, 74, Oakwood Drive, was cited for unsafe movement by investigating officer Weston.

Allegedly Baxley driving a farm truck with trailer owned by Neill McFadyen, was making a left turn at time of the accident. The second vehicle in the collision was driven by Sharon Anne Wood, 16, of Rt. 3, Box 356. Damage to the Wood vehicle was estimated at \$350. Apparently the McFadyen vehicle was not damaged, reports Weston.

A combination of higher prices and dwindling supply may leave some Hoke County shoppers without meat in coming days. Many stores report unfilled orders or reduced deliveries throughout the past week.

Raeford's A&P Store reported no beef delivered Wednesday morning. Normally the meat department receives about 1,250 pounds of beef each Wednesday as well as regular deliveries on Mondays and Fridays. On Monday the only beef delivered were chuck roasts.

Included in meat delivered Wednesday were only a portion of the sausage, bacon and hot dogs ordered. None of the man hocks, hams and trimmings were delivered. Also unfilled was an order for 250 pounds of fat back. Deliveries next week will probably be even smaller.

The firm was out of hams Monday morning even though prices had jumped from \$1.29 to \$1.53 a pound. All pork prices had increased - bacon from 79 cents and \$1.39 to \$1.05 and \$1.68, pork loin roasts from \$1.17 to \$1.50, and chops from \$1.69 to \$2.02. Eggs had also jumped about 20 cents a dozen.

Ed McNeill of Home Food Super Market described the situation as "getting serious." He reports the firm expects to run out of beef because deliveries have been cut in half.

McNeill says he is experiencing few shortages in pork or chicken but reports prices climbing. Monday pork loin roasts and chops were up to \$1.69 from \$1.49 a pound, chickens increased from 63 cents and 49 cents to 89 cents and 75 cents and eggs were up just over 20 cents a dozen.

Thad Marks of Mark's Food Store relates much the same story. He reports trouble getting beef from suppliers. He had seven rounds ordered this week but none were delivered. He says the outlook for steaks is dim and pork "keeps rising."

A. G. Walters at Walters Super Market said only half a beef was delivered to his firm this week. He normally sells eight to 10 times that amount every week. He was expecting a delivery Wednesday afternoon but would not know if any beef were included until the truck arrived. The firm ran out of beef last week and will probably do so again.

Walters says some pork is short but feels there will eventually be plenty of pork but at much higher prices. He reports chickens plentiful but says they have taken another 10 to 11 cents a pound increase.

One chain store representative who was in Raeford recently reports receiving only three of 53 carloads of meat ordered for distribution to 297 stores. A wholesaler reported pork availability cut by at least 50 percent last week. Some wholesalers who used to sell selected cuts to grocers are now

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