

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Last week in the write-up of the death of C. F. McBryde the name of his son, C. F. McBryde, Jr., was omitted from the list of survivors. This error was made in the composing room and I regret this very much. We all make mistakes and this newspaper has employees that are in that number. Once again to the McBryde family I say we are sorry.

Football season is once again just around the corner. The local high school team is in camp this week preparing for their opening game against Red Springs Friday night, September 7. The local team is under a new coach this fall so everyone should make an effort to give him full support.

Also if you haven't joined the Booster Club do so at once. This club has done many things for the sports program at the high school. They also sponsor the football camp mentioned above. So if you want to be a member of the club go by Hoke Drug and I know Mike Wood or Walter Coley will be glad to sign you up.

See you at the first game.

The teachers returned to the classrooms last week and the students will start next week. The first month of school will be tough due to the hot weather but it is almost impossible to air condition all the school buildings in the state. I guess this will come about some day if 10 months schools are going to be every year.

I have also been thinking about the paper shortage and schools. It would be something to see students going to school with a slate and chalk. If things keep on like they are today this could certainly come to pass.

As I have stated in this column before, it may come to the point where you will have a pocket full of money and you can't buy anything. Time will tell.

Two of the businesses have opened in the Edenborough Shopping Center and another is expected to do so in September. Also the buildings that were occupied by Macks and A&P will have new businesses in them. The shopping center is a step forward for the town.

With the food shortage a new business has also come to the people on farms all over the state. Pick and pay is the name of the game. Many farmers are planting vegetables and then advertising for people to come and pick them for so much a bushel. In talking with certain farmers I believe it will be on a much larger scale next year.

Raz Autry, tournament chairman at the Arabia Golf Club writes that the regular four ball tournament will be held Sunday, August 26, beginning at 1:30. He states that no more than two outside guests will be permitted in a foursome. Price is \$3.00 per man.

Super Dollar Opens Here

Super Dollar Stores, Inc., a publicly owned North Carolina Corporation, headquartered in Raleigh, will open their eighty third discount store on Main Street next Thursday, located in the space formerly occupied by Macks Variety and Fashions.

The Super Dollar Store will carry a wide assortment of clothing, household goods, and most other family and home needs, all at discount prices everyday. The store will also have a discount health and beauty aid "medi-center" department.

Super Dollar is known in the retail trade as a "low-margin merchant", with volume buying and low overhead with the savings passed on to the consumer. As a result, their everyday prices will average from 20 to 50 percent less than the regular prices on most other retailers. All sales are made on a "satisfaction guaranteed" basis and it is the company policy to employ local people to operate their store, said Scott Ames, manager-store development.

The uniqueness of Super Dollar Stores is its program of taking discount retailing to smaller cities and towns.

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Kidnap Victim Alive; Three Held

Brewer Testifies Scott Paid \$500

A witness at a post conviction hearing in superior court Thursday testified Joe Scott of Raeford had paid him \$500 to say he had lied at the trial in which Scott's son Johnny and Freddie Revels were convicted of breaking, entering and larceny of the Arabia Golf Club.

Under questioning by District Attorney Jack Thompson the witness Tommie Brewer Jr. said the alleged payoff took place at the desk of Attorney H.F. Seawell Jr. in Seawell's Carthage office. Seawell at the defense table burst out, "That is the biggest lie I've ever heard in a courthouse. I hope the sheriff (D.M. Barrington) didn't put it in your mouth."

Judge Harry E. Canady asked Sewell to repeat the statement. Barrington repeated the statement for the judge and voiced strong objections to Sewell's conduct in the courtroom. Canady admonished the Carthage attorney and directed Thompson to consider action against Joe Scott.

Lunches Up Ten Cents

School lunches in Hoke County will be up ten cents this year. Students in grades one through eight will pay 45 cents as compared to 35 cents last year. High school price will be 50 cents instead of last year's 40 cents. Breakfast at South Hoke and West Hoke schools will be 20 cents.

Lunches for teachers and visitors at all schools will be 60 cents. By regulation teachers must pay at least ten cents more than students and the 60 cent figure was set so all teachers will pay the same price for lunches, reports D. D. Abernethy, school superintendent.

Letters were mailed to parents of Hoke County students concerning the price of meals and containing income scale for free meal eligibility. For example a student from a family of three with income not exceeding \$4,460 may participate in the free meal program. The scale ranges from a low of family of one with income at or below \$2,740 to family of 12 with income not exceeding \$10,880. For larger families an additional income of \$640 per member is permitted.

Also taken into consideration for families with incomes above those on the income scale would be unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to mental or physical condition of child or disaster or casualty losses. In certain cases foster children may also be eligible for participation in the free meal program.

Applications for the program are included with letters mailed to parents and they may be completed and returned to the schools. Parents will be notified of eligibility status within ten days of receipt of application, reports Abernethy.

Throughout Thompson's questioning of witnesses Seawell punctuated the proceedings with frequent loud comments.

Tuesday Thompson said, "From what facts we have it is doubtful any further action will be taken but we are still looking for additional information." He was referring to the possibility of filing charges against Joe Scott for attempting to suborn perjury.

In testimony last week Brewer claimed he went to Seawell's office with the elder Scott January 19 this year and was asked to make a statement repudiating his testimony in the March 1972 trial. Brewer said he wanted to think the proposition over but said Seawell convinced him to make the statement with the promise tape recorded and written and notarized copies of the statement would be kept in Seawell's safe and never used without Brewer's permission.

In the statement made at Seawell's office Brewer said he testified and implicated Scott and Revels at the trial because Sheriff Barrington said he would help me all he could if I would help him get Scott and Revels. Last week Brewer also repudiated that part of the statement.

Brewer testified Joe Scott was in the office with him and Seawell throughout the complete conversation and taping session. It was also brought out under questioning that Brewer had heard through the prison grapevine that Scott and Revels were out to get him for testifying for the state at their trial.

At the hearing last week Seawell testified he had never promised Brewer the statement would not be used. He also claimed Joe Scott was not in the same office with him and Brewer during the statement session.

Canaday in denying the defense motion for a new trial said, "It appears Brewer has repudiated the statement made in Seawell's office and that Joe Scott paid \$500. The state should consider action against Joe Scott."

Eight-thousand dollars worth of equipment was stolen from the Arabia Golf Course in August 1971. Scott and Revels were indicted by a grand jury in November of the same year.

In February 1972 a mistrial was declared following allegations by one juror that Joe Scott has bought his lunch for him and asked him to "go easy on his boy." No charges were ever filed against the elder Scott.

In March 1972 the pair was convicted and Scott drew two 7 to 9 year concurrent sentences and Revels received 9 to 10 year sentences, also

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Pay Increased

R.P. Bruce Jr., Knit-A-Way Inc., president, announced a general wage increase for all hourly and clerical employees of the firm effective September 29. Approximately 750 employees at the Raeford plant will receive raises.



KIDNAP VICTIM'S CAR - A.M. Rouse, 75, of Fayetteville and Dunn, was found on ground beside his car in Robeson County Tuesday morning. Rouse had been kidnapped, bound, gagged and left in woods Friday. Three Hoke County men are charged in connection with the incident. Rouse was reported in fair condition in Cape Fear Valley Hospital Wednesday morning.

Pave City Streets Powell Bill Funds

Unpaved streets are almost nonexistent in the city of Raeford and most of the paving, guttering and sewer work in recent years is the result of Powell Bill funds which are designated for street work. Since 1971 the city has been receiving, under the bill, one cent per gallon of gas taxes collected within the city. Prior to 1971 Raeford received one half of one percent of the tax.

A city street map and certified statement by R. H. Gatlin dated July 13, 1973 prepared for the state Highway Department shows only 1.1 miles of unpaved roadway within the city limits and 18.2 miles of paved streets for a total of 19.3 miles.

Some of the unpaved sections are alleys, other are mostly short stretches of streets including Oak Street and Birch off of Covington, alley off Central between Main Street and Stewart, three cross streets and one other street in the cemetery, small portions at either end of Niven Avenue and end of McRae Street, Seventh Avenue in Robbins

Heights (around and beyond the park), end of Pinewood Circle extension, end of Patterson Street, Stewart Street between Cumberland Avenue and Scotland Avenue (Scotland is outside the city limit), and a short alley off St. Paul's Drive south of Lamont Street.

McLean Street was paved last fall at the request of the one resident on the street, reports City Manager John Gaddy. Portions of streets resurfaced on the same contract included East Edinborough, North Stewart, East Fifth, East Sixth, Grant, Forrest and South Stewart.

Covington was paved in 1971. Patterson was paved a few years earlier at the request of two residents and Lewis was paved about the same time.

Most areas in the city have sewers except around Patterson and the Jackson Street and Seventh Avenue areas, reports Gaddy.

A list of streets scheduled for future paving and guttering work appeared in last week's News-Journal.

New Food Store Opens

A&P Food Stores opened the doors to a new 20,000 square foot area store in Edenborough Shopping Center Wednesday morning. Company officials helped move, stock and ready the store last week for the opening.

Company executives were present at Wednesday's event. David Scull, store manager, said P. A. Smith, of Jacksonville, Fla., president of the Southern Region of A & P Food Stores and F. A. Simpson, Charlotte, vice president of the Charlotte Division arrived in Raeford Tuesday evening and checked the new store before the opening.

Both executives were present for the

Wednesday morning opening and left for Charlotte about 10 a.m. Wednesday according to Scull.

The new store has seven checkout lanes compared to the five at the old store. All seven were working Wednesday. Scull said the store has 12,000 square feet more room than the old store and has about seven more employees. Scull and his assistant manager, Robert Lentz, aided first day customers with produce and fruit weighing and pricing.

Scull said much of the produce and fruit sold in the store will be from local sources and will be stocked as necessary. He said meats were plentiful for the opening.

Opening week hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Saturday.

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Maxwell Replaces Dixon

The Department of Social Services selected, pending State Personnel Department clearance, Walter Glen Maxwell to succeed Roger Dixon as Hoke County food stamp supervisor. Maxwell began work Monday. Dixon will become Hoke County register of deeds September 1.

Maxwell, returned to Hoke County in 1972 after more than 20 years absence. The Navy veteran spent seven years as assistant farm extension agent in Johnson County, was extension agronomy specialist with N.C. State University and sales representative for the Fasy Flow Chemical Company in Aberdeen.

He returned to Hoke county to look after the family farm and his aging father Walter S. Maxwell of 209 F. Elwood Ave. The new food stamp supervisor is married to the former Mildred Sinclair and they have three children, Barry, 24, who attends Pitt

A 75-year-old Fayetteville man who had been missing since Friday was found bound and gagged on the Jimmie McGougan farm just across the county line in Robeson County Tuesday morning. Ropes binding A. M. Rouse were cut loose and he was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital where he was reported in fair condition Wednesday morning.

Three Hoke County men are being held in jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond on charges of kidnapping, armed highway robbery and auto larceny. They are scheduled to appear in district court Aug. 31.

Charged are Curtis Laverne Baldwin, 21; Gregory Scriven, 17; and Walter Lee Harris, 19; all of Stonewall Township. Baldwin is also held for \$5,000 bond on an old and unrelated charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Baldwin was arrested Tuesday afternoon after a chase through a bean field on the W. L. Smith farm in Stonewall Township. He was hiding under women's clothing hanging in a bedroom of Billy Richardson's home when arrested by Hoke County Sheriff D. M. Barrington and Deputy James E. Lamont.

Scriven and Harris were booked at the jail at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday. Scriven was arrested at his home by Chief Deputy Harvey Young, Deputy Lamont and SBI Agent Ray Davis. Harris was arrested while on his job at the Raeford Turkey Plant by Deputies J. R. Young, Alex Norton and SBI Agent W. M. Culmon. None of the men were armed at the time of arrest, reports indicate.

Rouse had been bound with new rope taken from the trunk of his car. Alternating periods of rain and sunshine had shrunk the rope which cut his wrists to the bone. His arms which were tied behind him and hands were swollen and discolored. Ropes also encircled his chest and legs. He had been able to work loose a gag made from a piece of bedspread and a plastic raincoat had been placed over his head. He was suffering from exposure and dehydration since he had had no food or water for almost four full days. "In 18 years of police work I have never seen anything this bad," said Barrington. The man called out, "Help me please," when investigators found him.

Rouse had been the subject of a three-day search including aerial search conducted Sunday by Cumberland County authorities. He was reported missing Saturday by his daughter Mrs. Anne Warren of Fayetteville. Rouse, salesman for Southern Mercantile Company, had been making calls on his Hoke County route every Friday for 15 years. He apparently was in the habit of taking a short cut on a one-lane wooded path to get from one road to another and allegedly it was on this path the suspects, one armed with a .410 gauge, sawed off shotgun, stopped his car, and kidnapped him in Hoke County. He allegedly was pulled from the vehicle kicked a few times, robbed of \$400 and bound and left in the deserted area in Robeson County about 1,000 yards from the Hoke County line and a half mile from Parkton Road.

Rouse was found after Edgar McGougan, whose farm straddles the county line called the Sheriff's Department at 7:25 a.m. Tuesday to report seeing a car in the wooded area of Jimmie McGougan's farm. He said at first he just thought it was someone parked in the woods but when he read about Rouse's disappearance in the newspaper he felt the car's location should be reported. Rouse described



OPEN FOR BUSINESS - The new 20,000 square foot A & P Food store located in Edenborough Center, displays freshly stocked shelves of goods. Store officials worked late to ready the shelves for Wednesday's opening day.



WALTER GLEN MAXWELL