

## Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

Robert Gatlin told me Sunday morning that at his house last Saturday it rained 2.6 inches and that at his brother Marion's house that the rainfall was only .8 inches. Now this is only about five blocks from one place to the other so the cloud must have split Raeford.

Next week Bill Baily will have a chart of the rainfall for August.

In a news article appearing recently in a South Carolina newspaper it concerned the harbor control activities at Ft. Moultrie during World War II. The National Park Service is doing research on the activities and are asking aid from anyone that was there during that time.

I received the following letter from Sam Snead and I request that members of Battery 'F' and Hdq. Battery stationed there in the early 1940's read this letter:

"Dear Sam: After reading the attached article, on Fort Moultrie, I went to the office of Mr. William A. Harris and talked with him almost two hours. He is quite interested in getting any pictures or information concerning Fort Moultrie and the people who were there. He wants this for the World War II period and also the pre-war period. I gave him Colonel R.B. Lewis' name and suggested that he write or call him, Mr. Harris then asked me to contact the local paper.

Would you make a request to the former members of Battery F and 1st Bns. Hdqtrs. to send any pictures they might have of the area. Mr. Harris specifically wanted pictures with buildings in background, emplacements on GI's. Mr. Harris would make copies of the pictures and send the originals back to the sender. He would like any information concerning pictures, on back of pictures. Names of individuals, names of buildings, etc. I'm sure that he would appreciate any cooperation on this.

Sincerely yours,  
Sam Snead"

Mrs. June Johnson would like to have a couple of copies of the 50th Anniversary Program used at the Raeford Presbyterian Church celebration. She wants to get some pictures out of it for use in another book. So if you have a copy or know anyone that does contact Mrs. Johnson.

I also received the following letter this week:

"Dear Sam:"

Saw your picture and article in The News-Journal concerning: (1) the trees on right side of north Raeford being cut-leaving the left side to hang loose over the highway. (2) Trash being dumped along streets and side of highways. But wonder why nothing has ever been said about vacant houses and yards being unkept in Raeford?

With the yards being so overgrown around empty homes it's the answer for runaways, theft, etc.

1 - Star McMillian's on Main St.  
2 - Mrs. Morgan's E 6th Avenue  
3 - Several in Sunset Hills and you may have more.

Isn't there some rule, law or taxes to cover this?

Thanks  
Lavinia Patterson"

There is a law about these situations and the city could clean them up and tax the landowners the bill. If anyone is interested in the entire law it can be read at City Hall.

## New Family Dollar Opens

Family Dollar Stores, Inc., scheduled opening of their newest store at 9 a.m. today in the Main Street building formerly occupied by the A&P Store.

Roger Jenkins, store opener, said grand opening activities include Friday evening performances by two bands, Christian Travelers and The Sandhill Countrymen, WSHB on site broadcasts today, Friday and Saturday, and presentation of merchandise prizes to shoppers. A pony will be given away Friday at 9 p.m. Shoppers may register

## Too Close Parking

Sgt. D.L. Minshew, N.C. Highway Patrol, said it is illegal for drivers to park their privately owned vehicles within 100 feet of certain emergency vehicles while personnel are performing duties at emergencies. Vehicles thus covered are fire trucks, ambulances, and rescue and law enforcement vehicles. Drivers who violate this may be cited by law enforcement officials, said Minshew.

# Federal Funds Pay CEP Enrollees

## ABC Store Is Proposed

Alfred K. Leach, Hoke ABC Board chairman, reports receiving many calls opposing a proposed site for a second ABC store to be located in Davis Bridge. Leach said a sign was erected at the proposed site late last week on advice of the state ABC Board and will remain in place for 30 days. This is to give area residents a chance to voice their opinion on the proposal.

The current ABC Store on U.S. 401 bypass was constructed following Hoke County residents' approval at the polls in May 1962. The Stonewall Precinct which includes Davis Bridge voted down the ABC proposal in that election.

Leach said the Davis Bridge intersection was chosen as a proposed site after study of daily traffic patterns in the area. He reports it is judged the best location in the county for a profitable second store.

Leach requests people favoring and opposing the second store express their opinions. The decision to build or not to build the Davis Bridge store will be based on public sentiment and financial feasibility, said Leach.

## Raeford City Funds Held By Local Firms

Funds belonging to the City of Raeford are distributed in checking accounts, savings accounts and savings certificates in the Southern National Bank, Bank of Raeford and Raeford Savings and Loan Association. The July 31 financial statement shows the smallest holder of municipal funds is the Savings and Loan with \$20,000. Southern National has city accounts totaling \$255,644 and Bank of Raeford holds \$154,127.

This was not always the case. In November 1965 City Councilman Franklin Teal assumed duties as secretary-treasurer of the Savings and Loan. At that time the city had approximately three times as much money deposited in the Savings and Loan as it does now. That year city funds held by the organization included \$40,000 in certificates and about \$20,000 in passbook savings. Over the

## Water System Gets Funds

Rockfish Water System, Inc., received a check for \$38,600 as part of a \$52,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration. The loan was approved by FmHA in October 1972, to help finance improvements to the existing Rockfish water system.

Work on the system presently underway includes building a new 150,000 gallon upright water storage tank, a new well and four additional water mains extending one mile in four directions from the center of the community. The improvements would provide water and fire protection for the Continental Yarn Corp., and additional water supply and storage for residents and other commercial users.

According to B. B. Bostic, president of Rockfish Water System, Inc., the

for the pony in the store and must be present at drawing to win.

The store will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The firm has hired 20 to 25 local employees for opening week and will level staff to 12 to 15 people in following weeks.

Manager is Donald Briggs, a Moore County native, who served as assistant manager of Raeford's Collins Department Store after he arrived in Hoke County last May.

The graduate of Farm Life High School in Carthage was employed by Macks Variety and Fashions for three years; eight months as manager of the Concord Store. He resides in Ponderosa Mobile Home Park on Rockfish Road with his wife the former Annie Mills of Vass and their four children, ages one through six.

Jenkins said the firm will use the full building, devoting 6,500 square feet to selling area and the remainder to stock rooms and offices.

## N-J Schedule

The News-Journal office will be open as usual Saturday morning but will close Monday in observance of Labor Day. Office will open Tuesday on regular schedule and newspaper will go to press Wednesday as usual.

## Volunteers

R.B. Lewis of the Bicentennial Committee has announced additional volunteers for the library fund drive, including: Mrs. Edna McNeill, Mrs. Margaret McPhaul Baldwin, Floyd Deese, Al Potts, Don Vincent, the Rev. Neill McPhatter, Rev. Oris McPhatter, Mrs. Venetta McAllister, Fred Holland, William S. Thomas, Earl Hendrix, and Mrs. Ruria Warner.

Other volunteers were announced last week.

A meeting of the full committee has been scheduled for 8 p.m. September 11 in the fellowship hall of the Raeford Methodist Church.



RURAL CONCENTRATED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM - Enrollees from disadvantaged families pose beside Rural CEP van outside the old Burlington School. Van is used to transport enrollees from home to school during two-week orientation period. Federally funded program is designed to train enrollees in art of applying for and retaining employment. The program also offers further instruction, on the job training and community college courses for the disadvantaged adults between 18 and 55 years of age.

## EMC Cases Settled

Monday U.S. District Court Judge Franklin F. Dupree ordered Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. to adopt within 90 days a plan concerning equal opportunity employment and to amend the corporation's bylaws to permit member inspection of proxies two days before and 30 days after each future annual election. Based on these stipulations Dupree approved dismissal of a suit charging EMC with discriminatory employment practices.

The suit filed by Lee Vester Carter, Doug McMillan, Wilmon Rogers of Antioch, Frank Jacobs Jr., Doyle Locklear and Preston Brooks had requested the co-op reimburse members for expenses involved in the investigation of the corporation's 1970 elections. But these were ruled legitimate corporate expenses and no reimbursement to members is required.

Following an out of court settlement the Rev. Elias Rogers of Hoke County Tuesday withdrew his appeal in a \$250,000 damage suit against EMC. Rogers had asked \$5,000 attorney's fees, \$3,656 other expenses and \$250,000 punitive damages.

The actual amount of the settlement was not made public but Rogers' attorney Phillip A. Diehl, said it covered all expenses incurred by Rogers in two suits stemming from the EMC 1970 board of directors election. This included about 400 man hours, more than 30,000 miles of travel expenses and legal fees. No punitive damages were paid.

Rogers' original suit to set aside the 1970 election was filed under the 1964 Civil Rights Act and alleged Rogers was defeated for re-election to the Co-op's board of directors solely because of his race by the use of ballot box stuffing, false ballots and proxies. The Co-op later expanded the board from nine to 12 members. Rogers has been serving on the board continuously since April 1972 filling one of the at-large directorates created as a result of the suit.

In the summer of 1972 Rogers filed the damage suit which was dismissed this week.

In an unrelated case Rogers, Dok Locklear and Kiever Locklear will be arraigned in U.S. District Court in Fayetteville September 10 on charges of interfering with federal officers in the performance of duties. These charges are in connection with documents found in Robeson County last April and allegedly stolen from the Bureau of

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## Holiday Hours

Monday, in observance of Labor Day County Schools will close for their first holiday of the academic year. County and city offices will also be closed. Mail will be put in boxes, but no deliveries will be made and post office windows will be closed according to Charlie Morrison, postmaster.

Also scheduled to close for the holiday are Raeford Turkey Farms, Continental Yarn Corp., Burlington Industries, A & P Food Store, Bank of Raeford, Southern National Bank, Collins Department Store and Raeford Savings & Loan Assn.

## Store Opened

Super Dollar Store opened its doors for the first time in Raeford this morning at 9 a.m. Victor Holland, company representative, said Grand Opening hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. have been set for the ten day grand opening period.

The store will be open Sundays Sept. 2 and 6, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in conjunction with the grand opening. Future Sunday opening is indefinite.

Holland said the store will employ six to eight full-time employees and four to six part-time employees.

A new federally funded state sponsored program began in the old Burlington School recently. The project Rural Concentrated Employment Program (CEP) is a branch of the Employment Security Commission (ESC).

Goal of the project is to train and place adult members of disadvantaged families in paid employment, on the job training, training classes, college courses or adult basic education.

Friday the nine-man staff completed the first basic orientation course for 12 enrollees from disadvantaged Hoke County families.

The staff consists of a unit manager, employment counselor, recruiter (Brenda Jacobs of Raeford) orientation leader (Margaret Shaw of Raeford), supportive service counselor, clerk-secretary, job placement director and two job coaches.

The enrollees, adults from 18 to 55 years old, are given physicals, aptitude and manual dexterity tests during the first three days, according to Alton Hunt, unit manager from Robeson County.

The next two weeks are spent in orientation -- teaching enrollees how to land and keep a job including how to fill an application form, how to dress and act for an interview.

## 173 Enrollees

According to Stephen Benkosky, N.C. Rural CEP director, the Hoke County center is scheduled to handle 173 enrollees at the rate of 12 each three weeks for the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Of these it is expected upon completion of orientation 40 will take a six-week adult basic education course taught at the center by Sandhills Community College personnel; 15 will take a 26-week carpenters training class taught somewhere in Hoke County by SCC; 18 will attend a community college as full-time students for as many as 32 weeks studying such courses as typing, bookkeeping, clerical, electronics and other subjects; and 53 will enter vestibule training (similar to on the job training).

According to Benkosky Raeford's Kmit-Away plant will participate in the vestibule training; 11 will be placed in job experience slots with city and county governments; and the remainder will probably be placed directly into the labor market.

## Local Government

Benkosky said City Manager John Gaddy and County Manager T. B. Lester had each agreed to place two enrollees in their governments with CEP paying the enrollees \$1.80 an hour for a six-month period beginning in September and the local governments paying salaries thereafter.

Lester reports Burton Dickison from ESC approached him with the proposition and Lester agreed to present the proposal to the county commissioners at the next board meeting. The county manager said the county government might use enrollees as a secretary and a janitor.

Gaddy said he also talked to Dickison about the possibility of using enrollees as laborers but reports Dickison was seeking "higher level" jobs for CEP enrollees.

## 540 Weekly

Throughout orientation, adult basic

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LEARNING WHERE TO GO - First graders at McLaughlin School receive name tags and school bus numbers on the first day before they are shown to their classrooms.