

## Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The weather for the past few weeks has been about as hot as I can remember. The humidity has been high and when you are out of doors it seems that you are walking through a haze. Maybe with the hurricane season upon us, cooler weather will be in store before long.

I understand from the grapevine that a certain man called City Hall recently and was complaining about the trash truck knocking down his clothes line and also the loss of the lid to his garbage can. It seems that John Gaddy listened to the complaint and then told the man he was very fortunate as he not only lost the lid to his can but also the garbage can too. So maybe everyone has trouble with garbage.

Kay handed me Bill Bailey's weather chart last Friday and I commented that it was still August. She said that she informed Bill the same thing when he handed it to her, but Bill said that it would not rain before midnight. Now if this keeps up we might have to change Bill's name.

Raz Autry and Joe Upchurch, who make up the tournament committee for the Arabia Golf Club, announce that the member-guest will be held September 22 / 23. It will include meal and prizes. Raz says that the meal will not be steak. Joe will be in charge of getting someone to cater the meal. If anyone has any suggestions about the tournament feel free to let Raz or Joe know. The meal will be served down at the pond and cabin. Everyone will have to bring chairs if they want to sit down to eat. The deadline for entries will be Saturday, September 15th.

If school is going to start in late August as it did this year I think that school officials should start thinking about air conditioning all school rooms in the state. It is impossible to accomplish a job when the temperature is up in the 90's. The teachers can't teach and a child can't keep his mind on the lessons under these conditions.

I know that it will cost to do this, but if the hot weather continues look at the amount of money that is being spent without accomplishing anything. Where there is a will there is a way.

## ABC Profits Help County

An audit of the Hoke County ABC Store accounts as of June 30 this year shows store profits enriching the county coffers by \$52,925. This money goes to the general fund and is used for annual county budget expenditures. This is an increase of almost \$600 over last year's figure.

Liquor sales for 1972-73 totaled \$554,578 with gross profits of \$214,345. After deducting operating and general expenses the ABC profits were \$63,865. Of this amount ten percent (\$6,386) went to law enforcement fund and seven percent (\$4,470) to education and research fund. The law enforcement fund supports the ABC law enforcement program and the education and research fund goes to Sandhills Mental Health Center.

During the past ten years ABC payments to the county government have ranged from a high of \$70,000 to a low of \$44,209.

## Hoke To Get Impact Aid

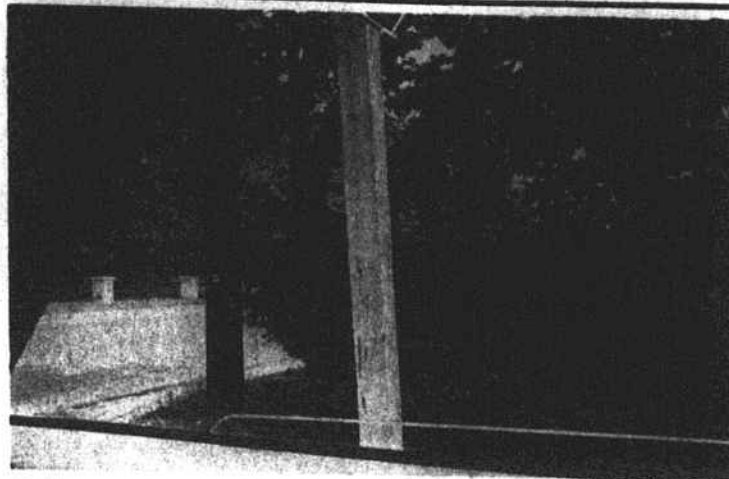
Hoke County schools will receive \$10,990 in impact aid for 1973-74 school year as a result of recent court action brought against the Nixon administration by several states and Cumberland and Onslow Counties, reports State School Superintendent Craig Phillips.

Hoke County draws impact aid for students whose parents who are employed by the military but do not live on a military base. For each of these students the federal government provides one-fourth of the national average per pupil expenditure.

D.D. Abernethy, Hoke school superintendent, said he believes these recently released funds are based on 1972-73 enrollment. He said the county system received a portion of 68 percent of entitlement last year and he assumes the newest payment will be a portion of the remainder due.

## Alert Employee And PIN Help Authorities Nab Men

Preliminary hearings are scheduled in district court Friday for four Hoke County men charged with breaking,



BLIND CORNER - Shrub at corner of Fulton Street and Donaldson Avenue obstructs view of cross traffic. Photo was taken from car traveling north on Fulton with bush on right side of vehicle. Another bush on corner on left of car creates a similar hazardous condition for drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

## Recreation Study Requested Again

At their regular monthly meeting Tuesday the board of county commissioners decided to re-apply for federal funds to assist in a recreation master plan study for the county.

If approved the program will be conducted under the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources Division of Community Services.

Total county cost of the study for a long range recreation plan would be \$1,517 with the federal government supplying a grant of more than \$2,000 for the study.

This same study was applied for earlier this year and denied because of lack of federal funds for the project.

In other action the commissioners agreed to transfer one year employment credit from Moore County to Hoke County for Mrs. Francis Parks of the Hoke County Health Center. County Manager T. B. Lester explained transferring the 1943-44 credit would enable Mrs. Parks to retire about Oct. 1.

The board approved placing two Concentrated Employment Program (CEP) trainees providing Lester could find a suitable job for them without hindering the operations of county government. The CEP program will pay the trainees \$1.80 an hour for the first 26 weeks with expectations the county would hire the workers after that. But the county is not required to hire them. Some commissioners expressed concern that it would be difficult to find a county department where workers now employed would have the time to train CEP people.

Also approved at the meeting was allocation of \$341.80 for forest fire control. This coupled with a \$883.20 credit brings total additional funds for fire control to \$1,225. Also passed was payment of \$250 for training the new food stamp supervisor and expenditure of \$250 for two desks and \$75 for a chair for county offices.

The commissioners reappointed A. H. McPhaul to the jury commission and witnessed swearing in of Roger Dixon as register of deeds and James T. Wilkerson as tax supervisor.

No mention was made of the former register of deeds the late Mrs. Martha Clark and no discussion was held concerning discrepancy in salary paid to Mrs. Clark in comparison with salary paid to her predecessor and successor.

Commissioners authorized Lester to sign revenue sharing reports, and received a report on revenue sharing trust fund which showed \$193,357 in unappropriated funds.

Commissioners approved amendments to the budget which balanced under expended and over expended funds. Reports were presented to the board by Farmers Home Administration representatives, county extension and home agents and senior citizens director. The tax collector's report indicated \$204,892 was collected in July and August.

Board members discussed land acquisition for new county office building and some commissioners said they had inspected Wooley Street property belonging to the Board of Education. They felt it might be possible to place both county building and school board building on the smallest plot belonging to the board of education. The same architect is drawing plans for both buildings and commissioners felt a final decision must await recommended plans.

## Council Meets

The Raeford City Council held a regular monthly meeting Monday. Present were representatives from Hayes-Howell Associates architects of Southern Pines who discussed plans for building garage and equipment sheds for the city. The buildings are to be funded from revenue sharing funds.

The council authorized Hayes-Howell Associates architects to proceed with preliminary building plans for a new garage and equipment sheds.

No other discussions were conducted and no members of the community or organizations appeared before the council.

## Man Jailed

A Hoke County man is being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond on charges of assault with intent to commit rape. Melvin McLauchlin, 22, Rt. 1, Box 418, was arrested at his home Tuesday and booked at 2:45 a.m. by Deputy Sheriffs Harvey Young and Chester Bolton.

The complainant Shelia Mitchell, also of Rt. 1, reported the incident to authorities by phone Monday night. Allegedly she, McLauchlin and another couple were parked in a car on a dirt road in the North Raeford area when the assault took place.

## City Election Set For Nov. Ballot

## Three Waive Hearing

Three Hoke County men charged in connection with the August 17 kidnapping of a 75-year old salesman waived preliminary hearing in district court Friday and were bound over to superior court for action by the grand jury.

Held in the Hoke County jail on \$50,000 bond each are Gregory Scriven, Walter Lee Harris and Curtis Lerner Baldwin of Stonewall Township. They are charged with kidnapping, larceny of an automobile and highway robbery. Baldwin is also under an additional \$5,000 bond on an older and unrelated charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The trio is charged with kidnapping A.M. Rouse of Fayetteville in Hoke County Aug. 17, robbing him and stealing his car. They allegedly transported him into Robeson County.

Rouse was found bound with rope four days later by Hoke County authorities after his car was spotted on a farm by Edgar McGougan.

## Jordan Aids Health Clinic

The Hoke County Health Center has been able to implement some of the recommendations made by Dr. Joseph Mark before he left the center earlier this year.

Dr. Riley Jordan has been hired at \$200 a month as medical consultant to the clinic. Jordan signs orders for administering medication for the various clinics offers counseling in emergencies after initial workups are performed at the center and is responsible for patients placed on chemotherapy for tuberculosis control. He will also serve as liaison between the Health Center and prospective medical specialists to man the clinic, if needed.

Mark had suggested doctors at MaCain Sanatorium perform TB screening but they were unable to assume the duties and this phase of work is being done by Dr. Jordan.

Mrs. Susan McKenzie, assistant to the director, reports the State Board of Health is awaiting detailed job descriptions on various positions in the clinic before approving reorganization. The state board is encouraging the county to continue seeking a full-time medical director for the clinic.

For the first time in two years the Health Center staff is up to full strength with an assistant director, three registered nurses and two licensed practical nurses. According to T. B. Lester, county manager, Mrs. Frances Parks, a center RN, may be retiring this fall.

## David Scott Currie Services Conducted

David Scott Currie, 86, retired farmer, died in a Cumberland County nursing home Monday night after an illness of several months.

A Hoke County native, he was the son of the late Hugh M. and Mary Holt Currie. He was predeceased by his wife of many years Emma Lee Gwaltney Currie.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Raeford Presbyterian Church by the Rev. John Ropp with interment in Raeford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack Pope, Jim Williamson, Jim McBryde, Graham Monroe, Henry Maxwell and Radford Collins.

Survivors include three sons, David S. Currie Jr. and James L. Currie of Raeford, and Benjamin F. Currie of Daytona Beach, Fla.; four brothers, Will Currie of Fayetteville, Edwin Currie of Front Royal, Va., Neil Currie of Savannah, Ga., and Robert Currie of Broadway; three sisters, Mrs. C. C. Burris and Mrs. Chatham Chaney of

Raeford voters will elect a new slate of city officials during the Nov. 6 elections. This is the first year city elections are being run by the county board of elections. The city requested the county-run elections after the 1971 state legislature passed the uniform municipal election law which allows cities to choose between county run elections or creating a city board of elections.

According to Councilman Franklin Teal, the city chose option of letting county board of elections run the elections because "they already had a new voter registration and it was easier and cheaper for the city than setting up a new system."

The elections will be non-partisan, and will be decided by plurality count. Any ties will be decided by lot.

Scott Poole, chairman of the county Board of Elections, said the filing period for city offices is from Sept. 14 through Oct. 12 at the County Board of Elections, 126 N. Main. Filing fee is \$5 for city councilman and \$25 for the office of mayor. The November 6 elections will be regulated by the state as in the past.

Expected on the ballots are four state questions; a school bond, the clean water bond, liquor by the drink, and a proposed constitutional amendments according to Poole.

Polling places will be the same as for county elections and the election process is simplified because only one set of voter registration books has to be kept.

Mrs. J. S. Poole, permanent registrar for the county Board of Elections, reminds voters that the deadline for registration to vote in the November 6 election is October 8. Voters may register at the Board of Elections office, 126 N. Main Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mrs. Poole said the board sent approximately 350 letters this year to registered voters who have not voted in the county since 1968, warning them their names would be purged from the lists of legal voters.

More than 250 of those receiving letters failed to comply with instructions and have been removed from the voting rolls. They must file

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## Shannon Man Is Bound Over

In District Court Friday a Shannon man was bound over to the Hoke County superior court for action by the grand jury after waiving preliminary hearing on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Bond was set at \$2,500 for each charge.

Donald R. Lowery, Shannon, is charged in connection with an August 11 incident in which he allegedly shot Tracy J. Locklear Jr., Stonewall Township, twice in the left leg and once in the left side, and Hudell Hammons three times in the abdomen with a small caliber pistol.

Lowery reportedly went to the home of Mildred Bohans near Davis Bridge to talk to Locklear and invited him outside. As Locklear stepped from the porch, Lowery allegedly fired. Hammons was hit in the same incident.



NEW TAX SUPERVISOR - Hoke County superior court clerk E. E. Smith swears in Tax Supervisor James T. Wilkerson Tuesday morning. Wilkerson, a 24-year-old Hoke County native and 1967 graduate of Hoke High School, attended Sandhills Community College and Wingate Junior College with emphasis on business education. He was employed by Burlington Industries two years in Raeford and two years in Clarksville, Va. as a planner in division samples manufacturing. He is married to the former Ann Richards, also a Hoke County native, who works at the Bank of Raeford.



REGISTER OF DEEDS - Hoke County Clerk of superior court E. E. Smith swears in Roger Dixon who replaces interim Register of Deeds J. E. Gullede. Dixon formerly was supervisor of the county food stamp program. Gullede retired in June and was replaced by Mrs. Martha Clark who died one month after taking the oath of office.



DAVID SCOTT CURRIE

Wingate and Mrs. Coy Muckle of Fastover, S. C.; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.