

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The following letter shows a need for a survey of our athletic program at Upchurch School. I mean to the students that can't play on the school teams. I know that other parents have the same feeling as this parent.

Dear Mr. Morris,  
Football season has come again and we all hope to cheer our boys to victory through out the season. We like to see our boys win, but let us not forget our younger boys who will be our players in a few years. The seventh and eighth grade boys need the training and experience that a good sport can give them.

This year they had about 150 boys to turn out to play football. The coaches were allowed only 45 boys to play because of personnel equipment and money. After only 3 days of practice the coaches picked the boys they wanted to play, by the impression they had made on them. Not knowing hardly any of the boys names, I wonder how they knew who had impressed them.

I am writing this so that parents of boys who will be wanting to play football can understand the slim chances their sons will have to participate in a sport they need so bad to believe in, and have pride in. A seventh and eighth grade boy is growing very fast and he needs something to help him, if he is willing to give himself. I think all boys should have equal chances to learn to play, not just a few who happen to get picked.

Joyce C. Monroe

Robert Gatlin, better known to the readers as Bill Bailey, asked me Tuesday what I was going to call him. I told him that anyone that could control the weather could be called by only one name. I think most of you can figure out the name.

Raz Autry and Joe Upchurch must not be getting the response they expected for the member-guest tournament. The following letter shows that little interest has been shown so far toward the tourney.

Dear Fellow Golfers:  
I can't read minds. If you are going to play in the member-guest September 22-23, I must know by September 15. We will have dinner for the member and his wife, and the guest and his wife at the Sheraton Inn in Southern Pines on Highway 1, at 7:30 on Saturday, September 22. The rest of the money we have left after we have paid for the dinner will be used for prizes. All prizes will be golf balls.

Sincerely,  
Raz

## Library Deeded Land

At the regular monthly meeting members of the Hoke County board of education advised Attorney William L. Moses to draw up papers giving the Hoke County library board title to land in front of McLaughlin School with stipulation if land not used for library site within five years it will revert to the board of education. This action brought to a close the library committee's search for a suitable location for construction of a new County Library which is the Hoke County Bicentennial Commissions project to commemorate the birth of the United States.

In other action the board elected Brenda Kay Parkings as secretary to Scurlock School principal. Members also approved pay scales for aides; classroom aide with high school diploma, \$350 a month; one year college, \$375 monthly; and with two or more years college, \$400 a month.

Teachers contracts approved were Raymond E. Neely, Jr., Upchurch (FSA); Carolyn L. Parker, Scurlock; Hazel T. Massey, McLaughlin (State Kindergarten); Alfreddus Gilliam, West Hoke (Special Ed.); Audrey Jean Dunkley, Upchurch; Sandra N. McCleary, Raeford Elem. (FSA); Susan H. Phillips, West Hoke; Carol C. Salter, S. Hoke. (FSA); Margaret Holland, Hoke High, (IV); Virginia Blanks, West Hoke; Eva M. Snow, Scurlock; (Reading); Spencer Sampson, Upchurch; Gay A. Killens, Raeford Elementary; Susie S. Howard, Upchurch. (Lang. Arts); Sarah H. McLean, Upchurch; (Lang. Arts); Bonnie Rose, Upchurch. (Lang. Arts); Gladys M. White, West Hoke; Dian C. Sisk, West Hoke (Kindergarten) and Lana B. Dail, County-wide. (Speech Therapy).

## Council Meets

The City Council met September 5 with Worth Pickard of Carolina Well and Pump Company to mull over plans for final phases of the city's water system improvement project now underway.

Upon completion of the project, City Manager John Gaddy said a flouridation process will be incorporated into the city's water system. The project includes securing four new well sites, connecting sites to the main plant, improvements on main plant and incorporation of the flouridation process, according to Gaddy.

At the meeting, Moore, Gardner Associates of Ashboro, the consulting engineering firm presently under contract on the project, was authorized to proceed with plans and specifications to continue upgrading of the present water system.



**POTENTIALLY LETHAL WEAPONS, NOT TOYS** - Mini and trail bikes like these are frequently given to youngsters by parents to be used as mechanical toys when they are in fact potentially lethal weapons. Children, reportedly some as young as five or six years old, have been riding such vehicles without any apparent adult supervision. Some young riders are said to take paths through city and county on private property, (this constitutes trespassing) and across roads or on state right of way on shoulders (violation of law) and along railroad tracks all the way to Aberdeen.

## Litter Laws Do Exist

The City of Raeford has among its city ordinances pertaining to garbage and trash, a general litter law. That law states it shall be unlawful to place in any of the streets or sidewalks or in or about any public building, trash or rubbish of any description or to burn the same in any such places.

This city ordinance takes up where the state litter laws stop, at the city limits. No city can legally enact an ordinance contradictory to state law.

The state litter law makes it unlawful for any person to place or leave trash or garbage on any public road outside the municipal limits, and states that placing or leaving of the articles or matter forbidden shall, for each day or portion of a day left there, constitute a separate offense. Violation of the state law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$10 to \$200 or imprisonment for no more than 30 days or both.

State legislation in 1973, set a state law saying all vehicles driven or moved on any highway must be constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dripping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping except that sand may be dropped for securing traction, and water and other substance may be sprinkled for cleaning or maintaining roadways.

The legislation gives specifications for loading of vehicles before they may be moved on any highway and provides that the law shall not be applicable to, or in any manner restrict the transportation of poultry of livestock or silage or other feed grain used in the feeding of poultry or livestock.

Violation of this law would constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Sgt. D. L. Minshew, of the State

Highway Patrol, said the law does not say whether or not an empty truck returning from delivering poultry, livestock or feed constitutes transportation of poultry, livestock, silage or other feed grain, and is exempt from the law.

The General Statutes of North Carolina contain a law stating it is "unlawful for any person, firm, organization, corporation, or for the governing body, agents or employees of any municipal corporation, or county to willfully place, deposit, leave or cause to be placed, deposited or left, either temporarily or permanently, any trash, refuse, garbage, debris, litter, plastic materials, scrap vehicle or equipment, or waste materials of any kind upon the lands of another without first obtaining written consent of the owner thereof; or unless specifically authorized by law or lawful authority...provided it shall not be unlawful to deposit such materials upon a public dump maintained by a municipality or county"

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said before violators of the above law could be prosecuted, a positive identification of the violator would be needed and a warrant sworn out by a property owner.

Violation of the law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment of not more than six months or both.

## Hoke Briefs State Board

Hoke County High School's vocational textile program was explained to members at the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education August 6. Programs from three school systems from Education District IV were included in the presentation. They are from Hoke, Montgomery, and Lee Counties.

## Crack Down Set For Mini Bikers

Area law enforcement officers are planning a crack down on trail and mini bike operators who are in violation of state motor vehicle laws by operating these bikes on state rights of ways beside roads and highways in Raeford and Hoke County. A host of children in the area continually endanger their own lives and lives of others when operating these bikes without adult supervision.

District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree said he is pleased action will be taken before tragedy strikes. As things stand now "we will have some young child killed by a law abiding citizen who has every legal right to use the highway and does not expect that little vehicle to dart out on the road," stressed Dupree.

## Rogers Plea Is Innocent

A Hoke County resident pleaded innocent to interfering with federal officers who were looking for documents allegedly stolen from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C. last fall.

If convicted on the charge Elias Rogers could face a \$5,000 fine and up to three years in prison.

In related charges Keever Locklear and Dock Locklear, Robeson County Indian leaders, pleaded innocent to receiving government documents knowing them to be stolen. The documents were discovered by federal agents April 9 in Robeson County.

The national organizer of the American Indian Movement, Bill Sargent, who is also, charged in connection with the theft, was also scheduled for arraignment in federal court Monday but his case was delayed.

The two Locklears and Sargent are charged with having the documents in their possession. They face a maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine and ten years in prison if convicted.

Dock Locklear faces an additional charge that he used a shotgun in attempting to stop a search by federal officers. Conviction carries \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison.

U.S. Chief District Judge Algernon Butler Monday approved a request to delay the trial. The next session is in October.

## Raeford Lawyer Presents Campbell College Annuity

By Philip Kennedy

At Campbell College, Attorney Gordon B. Rowland of Raeford has come upon an idea for himself that he thinks should be passed on to other people. The college, for reasons admittedly transparent, is more than glad to help him do it.

In Hoke County, Rowland's ideas on law and personal business arrangements have had long enough to ripen that when he offers free advice folks are likely to take it.

He has been a landmark of the Raeford community for a long time. Born in Columbus County in 1890, he finished an LL.B degree at Wake Forest College in 1914 and first hung out his shingle the following year in Raeford. In the 1920's he was the mayor; and twice since -- once before the war and for some years after -- he was county solicitor (the office held when he retired 10 or 12 years ago).

But these days he's just looking after his own affairs. "That's all I do now," he says.

And one of his latest ventures is an arrangement with Campbell College. Actually he has made "a very generous and substantial gift," according to Wayne Murphy, Campbell's director of estate planning. There's no point in saying how much, because at 83, as Rowland says, he has no need of publicity; but he "wouldn't hesitate a bit in the world" to have his story told if it would be an incentive to somebody else to do the same kind of thing for his college or for any other good charitable or public-service institution.

According to Murphy, what Rowland has done is to create at Campbell a "Charitable Gift Annuity."

For the rest of his life this will pay him annual income. This year the government, which, as Murphy explains, encourages such gifts, will allow him an

income tax deduction for having made this one. And each year hereafter about 75 percent of the income the gift produces will come to him tax free. Moreover, the principal of the gift itself will not be taxed when the time comes for a final accounting of his estate.

This charitable annuity, Rowland finds, is a very satisfying arrangement. For one thing, it is a neat part of the tidying up process that every adult should attend to -- of keeping one's personal house in order. With his two brothers and a sister also retired and on their own, Rowland has been, he says, arranging to put the substance he has "in places that I think it will be used for"

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## Special Voter Registration Set

The Hoke County board of elections will hold an all day voter registration session September 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the county board of elections office, 126 N. Main St.

The session is to enable more people to register before the October 8 registration deadline to vote in the November 6 elections.

Earlier this year, the board sent 350 letters to registered voters who had not voted in the county since 1968. If no response to the letter was received, the voter's name was removed from the rolls, and he would have to register again before being allowed to vote.

The session will also allow for registration of 18-year-olds and previously unregistered legal voters.

Regular voter registration hours at the board of elections office are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Willard Bissett, Hoke High School textile instructor, gave the presentation after being introduced by Jack Robinson, State Board of Education textile consultant.

Using slides to illustrate his briefing, Bissett outlined the three-year program offered at Hoke High School. He pointed out 30 students have graduated the textile program in the past two years. Of these 19 are employed by Burlington Industries, (seven have received promotions), six are continuing their education and five sought employment elsewhere.

Of those continuing their education, one received a \$1,500 scholarship in the N.C. State School of Textiles; two attend N.C. Vocational Textile School at Belmont and three attend Fayetteville Technical Institute in Fayetteville.

During their senior year of high school

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Many parents and children may not be fully aware of the laws and others probably have fallen into the habit of ignoring the law because "everybody else does it."

State right of way varies depending on type of road and is measured from center of highway. On secondary roads the right of way extends 30 feet from center of road to each side. A strip of land about 20 feet wide along each side of these roads is state property.

On primary roads the right of way extends at least 50 feet from center. Resulting in a strip at least 39 feet wide along edge of highway that is owned by the state. Some primary roads have an even wider right of way but none are narrower. For example the state right of way in front of the ABC Store on U.S. 401 extends 150 feet from the center line.

Any motor powered vehicle operated on these rights of ways must meet the same motor vehicle requirements that apply if the vehicle were operated on the highway. The driver of the vehicle must also comply with state laws.

If the vehicle is powered by any type of motor it must be properly registered, bear a valid license plate and inspection sticker and be covered by liability insurance. The driver must be at least 16 years old, have a valid operators license and wear a safety helmet. After October 1 state law will require two wheeled motor driven vehicles to be operated with lights on at all times.

The City of Raeford passed an ordinance effective last May 11 making it illegal to operate a motor vehicle including mini bikes on sidewalks, in parks or on other property owned or under control of the city. This does not include properly registered vehicles.

These laws do not apply if the vehicle is operated outside the rights of ways and off of government property but this will then place the rider and vehicle on private property and thus subject to trespass charges brought by the property owner. Land owners may, after warning the drivers, file trespass charges against adults or request juvenile petitions against violators under 16 years old.

Law enforcement officers suggest mini bike riders seek permission from land owners before riding vehicles on private property.

It appears majority of the violators are youths under 16 years old. There are some reports of children as young as five or six years old riding mini bikes in the area.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins says the first time young violators are spotted by his men the law is explained to them. Some parents have also been notified by the department. Wiggins said if the same young people are caught in a second

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## Chamber Meets

The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

The status of dues and membership was reported. Several new members have joined since last meeting.

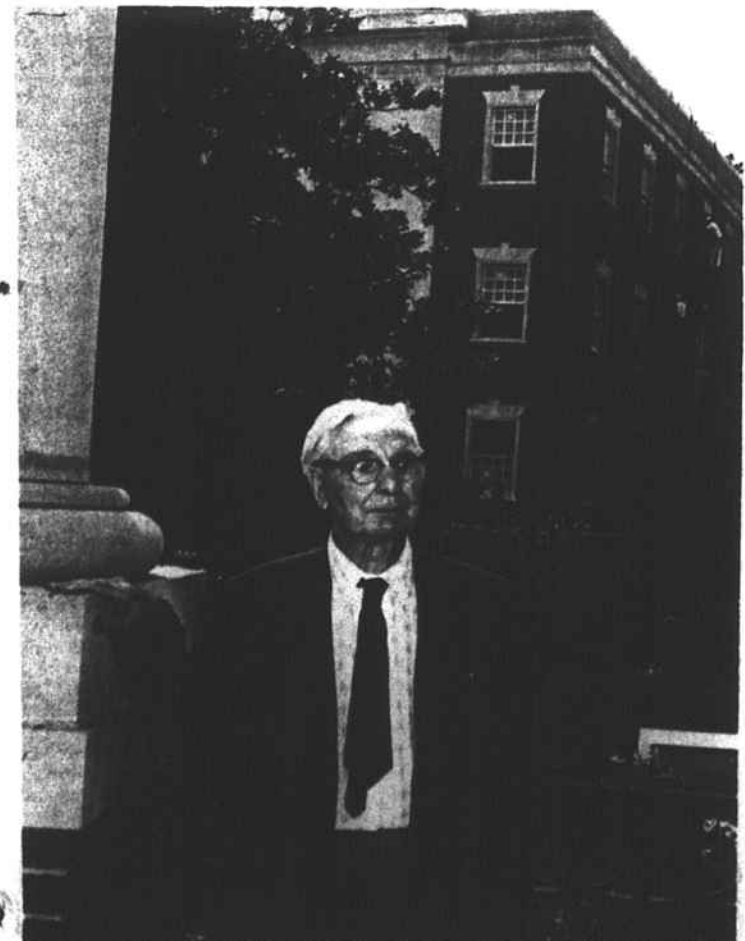
The opening of Fdenborough Center was discussed along with the openings of Super Dollar, Family Dollar, the October opening of B.C. Moore's and the new Bantam Chef. The grand opening for the center has been moved to early October. Christmas activities were discussed briefly.

The Directors approved a resolution endorsing the proposal that U.S. Highway 13 would follow the route of U.S. 401 through Hoke County. This resolution was similar to a resolution prepared five years ago and was endorsed recently by the Hoke County board of county commissioners.

The Directors also approved a resolution urging N.C. Highway and Public Works Commission to four-lane U.S. 401 from 71st School in Cumberland County to Raeford.

In a general discussion it was pointed out the retail and industrial segment of the community had made great progress but a remaining weak area needing additional attention is the area of recreation.

A discussion of industrial activity and future Chamber activities followed and the meeting was adjourned.



**CAMPBELL COLLEGE SHAREHOLDER** - To Gordon B. Rowland, retired Raeford attorney, one return of his recent gift to Campbell College is proprietary pride in the new classroom building nearing completion in background.