

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather has the feeling early in the morning that fall is upon us. The temperature rises during the afternoon and it almost makes you forget the early morning coolness. The beaches usually closed down after Labor Day but I believe with fishing and golfing at the resorts what they are the ocean resorts stay open about year round.

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Be on the lookout for the particulars concerning an opportunity for parents to meet members of the school board, the school superintendent, school attorney and principals of all the county schools in October. This event is being sponsored by the Education Department in hopes that all parents will come and meet these officials and also learn more about the new election laws and the school bond issue that is coming up in November.

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I guess strange things happen all the time but for the past few weeks more things have been brought to my attention that don't seem just right.

First was a man that knew all about the weather, then an egg found in the flower garden at a home here in town, and then a golf ball in a mail box. These are all hard to explain but this week along came another strange thing.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crawley of Arabia came by the office Monday and brought with them blooms from a dogwood tree that has bloomed for the second time this year. With a little research by the associate editor it seems that the Pacific dogwood that grows in the far western states does bloom twice a year. Nothing could be found concerning local dogwood trees and two time blooming.

Now if anyone has the answer to this I would appreciate a letter giving me all the details.

So that readers won't think I am off my rocker a picture appears below of the dogwood blooms.



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The jury room, second floor rear of the Hoke County Courthouse is location where George Dunlop, administrative assistant to U. S. Senator Jesse Helms (R. N. C.) will visit with area residents today from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The jury room is first door on left on second floor level of rear stairway. Jury room may also be approached by using front stairway and walking through courtroom to door at end of jury box.

Charles Lee Is Plant Manager

Charles Ray (Jack) Lee, long time Raeford resident, has been named plant manager for the Lumbee Farms chicken processing operation in Lumber Bridge. The announcement was made by Paul Fox, vice president and director of operations for Marval Poultry Company of Dayton, Va.

Marval assumed management of the North Carolina operation Sept. 1, following the signing of a management sales agreement between the two firms. Lee is in charge of personnel and operations at Lumbee Farms. He assumed the management position Sept. 10.

A Hartsville, S. C., native, Lee has lived 41 years in Raeford. He became associated with the poultry industry in 1959, when he joined a then nationally known poultry products firm, Priebe and Sons, Inc., of Raeford.

In 1962, Lee joined Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc., where he moved up to packaging supervisor. In 1964, he spent a year with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture as a United States Department of Agriculture licensed poultry grader, and then returned to Raeford Turkey Farms. At the time of his move to Lumbee Farms, Lee was shift superintendent for the Raeford plant.



CHIANG SOON IM

'Farms Larger' Comments Im

Chiang Soon Im from Korea is beginning his second week in Hoke County. The 27-year-old mushroom farmer finds American farms much larger than those of his native land. "You have more equipment" comments Im.

In Korea the land is more mountainous and does not lend itself to mechanization the way flat American farmland does. Because of this much more of the work is done by hand reports the visitor.

He reports rice constitutes 60 percent of the Korean farm crop with barley, tobacco and mushrooms popular crops. On his farm which he operates jointly with his father Im says, "We grow mushrooms inside a double walled building to control temperature and humidity." Under proper conditions they can harvest a crop about every six weeks.

In Korea children start school at the age of seven and the first six years of education are free. Additional paid education offered includes three years Middle School, three years high school and college.

Im spent a few days last week at the home of Phil Ricks and stayed the weekend with Wendell Young. This week he is staying with James Attaway in Rockfish.

Women Hurt

Four Fayetteville women were injured, one seriously, at 4:45 p.m. Sunday when the car in which they were riding ran off the highway and rolled over.

Listed in serious condition was Betty Page a passenger. Others, all receiving minor injuries, were Vicky Lynn Groves, the driver, Debbie Dean Sweat and Mary Locklear, passengers, reports State Trooper Ken Weston.

At the time of the accident the car was heading east on rural paved route 1105 between Dundarrach and Sandy Grove. According to Weston none of the women had their seat belts fastened. He feels use of belts would have lessened the chances of injury.

Library Housing Tour Scheduled Wednesday

Mrs. J.L. Warner and Mrs. Glenn Wood, chairman of the Extension Homemakers Library Benefit Housing Tour announced final plans for the event scheduled next Wednesday.

Homes to be open are those of Mrs. Willis Hood on Stable Place (Thomasfield), Mr. and Mrs. Eddie



CHARLES RAY (JACK) LEE

Samuel Leonard Finish Surprises Key People

"Samuel Leonard Training School at McCain has been tapped as one of the schools not to continue in the state Youth Development Program," Donald F. Torpa, assistant secretary of N.C. Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control, told The News-Journal Tuesday afternoon.

The proposed move, part of a major reorganization of the Office of Youth Development, apparently came as a surprise to at least two key people involved with Youth Development.

Monday Leonard Director Henry Parker said he was working on the 1974-75 budget for the institution at

"Raleigh's request." He reported the school population the highest it has been in the last year because Leonard was receiving transfer students from the R.T. Fountain School in Rocky Mount. Fountain is being redesignated a juvenile evaluation center.

During the same conversation Parker

said he had no knowledge or indication of an impending closing of Samuel Leonard School.

Also on Monday Dr. John Larkins, commissioner of Youth Development, said in Raleigh, "Samuel Leonard School is open and operating." When asked why a brochure mailed by Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control did not include Samuel Leonard among the institutions under Youth Development, Larkins replied, "I don't know. It must have been an oversight. I know of no plans to close Samuel Leonard School. They are still receiving new boys on a regular basis."

Last year the Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control favored closing Samuel Leonard School. The then Commissioner of Youth Development James M. Paige announced at a December 1972 press conference that closing of Leonard would require action by the General Assembly.

Tuesday afternoon Torpa said he did not have the regulations in front of him and it was complex but the present method of closing Leonard would not require legislative approval for the closing.

Latest local speculation about the future of Leonard began when members of the news media received a letter from David L. Jones, secretary of Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control. The letter invited recipients to tour state correctional and training facilities. Samuel Leonard School was conspicuous by its absence on the enclosed list of Youth Development facilities maintained by the state. Inquiries this week revealed Monday, Parker said he was unaware of any plans to close Leonard and Larkins maintained no knowledge of closing plans.

Tuesday at an 11 a.m. press conference Jones announced the reorganization and said at least one and possible two training schools would be closed. Jones said the name of the training school to be closed would be announced next week.

Tuesday afternoon Charlotte Short, public information officer for Social See LEONARD, Page 13

Powell Bill Funds Due

Raeford is scheduled to receive \$45,474.61 in Powell Bill Funds the first of October. City Manager John Gaddy said the scheduled funds was several thousands more than he had expected and stated the paving of two city streets this year had probably upped the amount. The two city streets paved this year are McLean Street and a portion of Central Avenue off Magnolia Street according to Gaddy.

Powell Bill funds stem from the state law providing that one cent of the state's nine cents per gallon gasoline tax be distributed to state municipalities on a basis of population and street mileage within their boundaries which is not a part of the state system, and which the city builds and maintains.

Meetings Set

Regular monthly meetings of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, the Raeford City Council and the Hoke Board of Education are Monday.

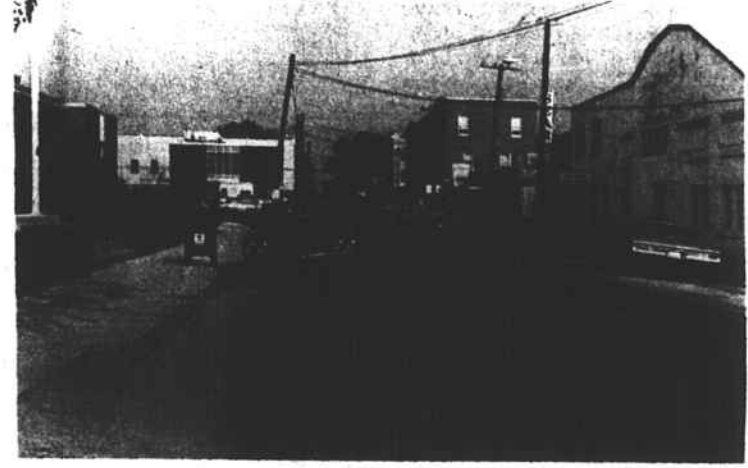
The commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

The School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education building and the City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

UF Meeting Set

The Hoke County United Fund budget committee will meet today at 7:45 p.m. in the Board of Education Building to set the budget for the coming campaign.

D.D. Abernethy, chairman, requests all agencies have budget requests prepared and ready for presentation at the meeting.



OOPS - This car parked blocked the drive-up mail deposit and was stopped between two "no-parking anytime" signs in front of the post office for a short time Monday. (N-J photo)

RWC Asks Federal \$\$

The Raeford Woman's Club is preparing an application requesting a federal grant to finance a series of public forums. If approved the federal government would furnish funds for speakers and local responsibility would be to provide goods and services including a site for the forums.

Coordinators for the forum project are Miss Josephine Hall and Mrs. Mina Townsend. Organizational committee members are the Rev. Jack Mansfield, J.R. McAllister, Mayor John K. McNeill Jr., Harold Gillis, Benny McLeod and Wendell Young.

Twenty-five people including

coordinators and committee members met September 20 with Dr. Jim Noel of the North Carolina Committee for Continuing Education in Humanities. Noel's organization funds projects connecting academic centers to communities through speakers from the colleges and universities. Thomas Lassiter, editor of the Smithfield Herald, told of a pilot program in Johnson County. A similar program will be planned for the local area if the grant is approved.

The local group will meet again Monday with Dr. Noel to continue discussion of the project.

Three File For City Office

As of Tuesday, three Raeford men tossed their hats in the ring for city offices to be filled in Nov. 6 election.

The city's mayor, John K. McNeill Jr. filed Monday to seek a third term. He had stated earlier that he would like to see the continuation of several of the city's projects now underway and listed the expansion of the city water system, solving the downtown traffic problem, improvement of City Hall facilities and the construction of a maintenance garage for city vehicles among those projects.

McNeill, a Hoke County native, was first elected to the City Council in 1952, and had been reelected to that post until he was elected to his first term as mayor six years ago.

McNeill is employed as an assistant field office planning chief in the Fayetteville office of the State Department of Economic Resources serving 15 counties in southeastern North Carolina.

He spent 20 years with Burlington Industries and rose to the position of production planner. The World War II veteran is an elder, deacon and officer of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the American Legion.

McNeill and his wife, Ruth, reside at

514 Fulton St. They have four children. John K. III of Raeford, Stephen who is attending Appalachian State University, Jeff who is attending Gardner Webb College, and Mrs. William Lamont Jr. of Chapel Hill.

Incumbent Councilman Hestel Garrison filed to run for reelection Tuesday. The Greenville, S. C. native has lived in Raeford 22 years and has served two terms on the city council.

"I would like to see projects begun by the council completed," said Garrison. "I can't run solely on my record. I will run on the council's record since its accomplishments were unified effort."

Garrison said he believed the council had accomplished much and felt like "it can do a lot more good for the town."

He is employed with Burlington Industries as an analysis planner and is a member of the Masons and the Moose Lodge.

Garrison and his wife, Ellon, reside at 501 E. Prospect and have three children. Andrea of Raeford, Gathael of Greensboro, and Tommy who is attending North Carolina State University.

Sam C. Morris, general manager of The News - Journal, has filed to run for

one of the City Councilman seats.

Morris has been with The News - Journal since 1935, and has been general manager since 1960. "I think my close work in the newspaper has helped me to know the workings of the town and the people of the town. I feel I can be of service to the community," stated Morris.

"I agree with many that our town will grow without getting out and pushing." He continued, "I know there are two sides to any issue and I will listen to both sides before reaching a conclusion, but once my mind is made, I will not straddle the fence."

Morris further stated he would like to try to help find a solution to Raeford's traffic problem. He is chairman of the Hoke County Selective Service Board; director of the Raeford Savings & Loan; director and past president of the Chamber of Commerce; director, treasurer and past president of the Hoke County United Fund Drive; and foreman of the Hoke County Grand Jury.

He is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church and serves on the Governor's Commission on Auto Insurance. The WWII Army veteran is former director of

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MAYOR J.K. McNEILL JR.



HESTEL GARRISON



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