

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

William Clark, FHA Supervisor, was somewhat upset recently when his office received a money order in the amount of \$82.00 for a payment and no name was in the envelope. The letter was mailed to the FHA office from the Raeford Post Office on September 29, 1973. The number on the money order is 16271455048. If anyone has mailed a money order to the FHA during this time check your receipt and then go to the office if it is your number and get this matter fixed.

I believe it will be worked out when the person receives a notice that he or she is a payment overdue.

Maybe Bill Bailey doesn't want to draw a chart this month, as no rain has fallen to speak of. Now Bill even though your garden is over for the year, remember that forest fires could cause considerable damage in the county, so let's have some rain.

I had been told by a Republican friend of mine that US 401 would be four laned during this administration. Last week the Highway Commission met in Raleigh and dumped the 401 project that had been put on the board by the Democrats. Now I know that my friend will have an answer to this, just as Agnew had one for the nation Monday night.

Last weekend Mary Alice and I decided to visit our daughter, Sarah, at Virginia Beach, Va. I talked to Sarah on the phone one night and received directions on how to get to her apartment. I took down the directions but guess I didn't put everything in the right order.

I spent two weeks at Virginia Beach in the late 30's with the National Guard at Fort Story, and in the 40's spent three months at Fort Monroe, so I guess this left an impression that I knew all about Virginia Beach. I was in for a great surprise.

The Tidewater section of Virginia must be one of the fastest growing places in the country. With highways opening in every direction and bypasses and clover leaf built up to turn you around, a person sure must stay in the correct lane to get anywhere. It seemed to me that any road would take you to Portsmouth, Norfolk or Virginia Beach and I am sure they will but my directions were for one certain Interstate highway and I missed the turn.

After two hours of driving through Portsmouth, then through the tunnel to Norfolk, I finally arrived at Virginia Beach and decided to stop and ask directions. The service station attendant didn't know where the apartments were located but I called my daughter's number and the attendant told her where we were located and she related to him where she lived. The attendant started telling me how to get to the apartment and once again my mind didn't seem to grasp what he was saying. I called again and told Sarah to meet me at a certain place we both knew. She did and led me to her apartment.

After unloading the car she asked Mary Alice and myself what happened. We told her of the route we took to get to her apartment. She said that was the way a crazy person would take. She was right because I was nearly crazy driving bumper to bumper in three lanes of traffic. Anyway we arrived back in Raeford Sunday and enjoyed our stay with Sarah.

The moral to this story is that a North Carolina country boy has no business traveling with his wife in Tidewater, Virginia.

Opening Marks 50th Birthday

On Wednesday, the 66 Moore's stores began celebrating the chain's 50th anniversary with store-wide savings and values for the entire family. The firm's newest store is scheduled to open in Raeford's Edenborough Center today.

Fifty years ago in Wadesboro, Beauregard Crawford Moore opened the first B. C. Moore department store, a move which began a growing chain which now includes 66 stores in four Southeastern states. He was later joined in his business venture by four sons and a nephew.

Early in the formative years buying offices, warehouses and accounting facilities were developed. Warehouses and buying offices were originally located in Wadesboro, Cheraw, S. C., and Timmonsville, S. C. Later, they were centralized with more extensive warehouses and buying offices in

Local Hunters Assist At Crash Site

Plans Draw Objections

An unannounced joint meeting of the board of county commissioners and board of education was held Monday evening to hear objections to planned placement of a county office building on land purchased by the board of education.

The property on Wooley Street was sold to the board of education by R.H. Gatlin earlier this year. Gatlin said "the land was sold without written restrictions but with the understanding and moral obligation it was to be developed for the sole use of the board of education."

Gatlin points out he doubts Wooley Street could adequately handle the traffic generated by placing the proposed education buildings.

He reports the commissioners were receptive to his objections. County Manager T.B. Lester said the school board kept the minutes of the meeting. D.D. Abernethy, school superintendent was out of town and could not be reached for comment before press time.

Bond Posted In Shooting

A Hillcrest man was released on \$2,000 bond Friday charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill following the shooting of Henry Charles Odom, also of Hillcrest, at 12:20 a.m. Friday.

Odom who was shot in the left arm and chest was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital and later transferred to N.C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

Charged with the shooting which allegedly took place at his Rockfish Road home is Donald Earl Smith, 27. He is scheduled to appear in district court November 26.

In other county incidents three chain saws valued at \$954 were reported stolen Sunday from an old school bus in the yard of Jessie McPherson's Antioch home.

Foster McBryde Jr., Rt. 1, reported a storage house broken into and \$629 worth of food taken from a freezer on Sunday.

Harry Daniels' Stonewall Township home was entered October 8 and one television was taken, another destroyed and a door and two locks were

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Revels Appeals New Conviction

Freddie Revels Jr., Richmond Advancement Center, Rockingham, received 12 months in district court Friday after being convicted of speeding, failure to stop for a blue light and siren, driving without a license and four counts of stop sign violations.

Revels gave notice of appeal and appeal bond was set at \$5,000.

The charges stemmed from a September 16 incident in which Revels led State Trooper C. A. Bennett on a high speed chase through Hoke County after Bennett tried to stop the Revels car for speeding.

The state took nol pros on a companion charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

The sentence is to begin at the end of a sentence Revels is serving after being convicted of the August 1971 breaking and entering and larceny of Arabia Golf Club. He was home on leave from prison at the time of the Sept. 16 incident.

Cheraw, S. C., and Cordele, Ga. Corporate offices and accounting facilities are located in Cheraw, and Wadesboro.

B. C. Moore & Sons, Inc. handles the retail merchandising in the four states, while Moore Brothers, Inc. with headquarters in Cheraw and Cordele serve as buying and distribution centers. Cheraw serves the Carolina stores while Cordele serves the 21 stores in Georgia and Alabama.

Present company officers are A. Rae Moore, chairman of the board; James C. Crawford Jr., president; J. G. Owens, executive vice president; W. C. Moore, vice president; Carl Wise, vice president; Jack Hartley, treasurer; and Carl Bennett, secretary. W. Bryan Moore, a primary force behind building of this department store empire, is past chairman of the board and presently serves as consultant.



CHOPPER REMNANTS - Twisted, burned section of U. S. Air Force helicopter's fuselage lies silently in Hoke County woods following mid day crash of aircraft Monday. One serviceman died in crash. Another expired later at Womack Army Hospital. A third was transferred to the U. S. Army's burn treatment center at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. Three others were hospitalized with injuries. Pieces of craft were spread over a wide area and although most paint was scorched from fuselage, numerals are still barely visible on side of chopper. Local hunters, among first at scene, fought blaze, made fire break and helped carry injured to other helicopters for transportation to Womack. Craft from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida reportedly was participating in Brass Key II, U. S. Readiness Command's annual joint forces demonstration of capabilities of modern firepower and maneuver in air-ground operations. (N-J Photo)



Heather Lee Walker
Miss North Carolina

Shopping Center Opens

Among officials scheduled to be present at today's opening of Edenborough Center is Miss North Carolina, Heather Lee Walker. Miss Walker along with North Hills, Inc., Laurinburg and Southern Railroad and other officials, will perform the ribbon cutting ceremony and visit with shoppers throughout the center for about an hour after the opening according to Harold Gillis, Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce manager.

The Opening is scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. with a prayer by the Rev. Herpin Winberry, Raeford Ministerial Association president. The welcome, by T. C. Jones, Hoke County Commissioners' chairman, John K. McNeill Jr., Raeford mayor, and William L. Poole, Jr., president of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, is followed by introduction of guests and remarks by E. H. Evans Sr., president of L & S, and Tom Bradshaw, vice president of North Hills, Inc. Ribbon Cutting ceremony follows.

Miss Walker, arrived in Raeford Wednesday and was the guest of Mrs. Arthur Gore and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hostetler. She is a Hendersonville native and a sophomore at Mars Hill College whose hobbies include waterskiing and horseback riding.

County Library Fund

Solicitors for the Hoke County Bicentennial Library Fund collected additional donations door-to-door and passed out leaflets explaining the goal of the Bicentennial Committee is to raise \$100,000 to match \$200,000 county federal revenue sharing funds pledged for the library.

The group hopes to construct the new library by 1976 on corner of Main Street and E. Donaldson Avenue on land donated by the Hoke County Board of Education.

No Serious Injuries In School Bus Crash

Thirty-three people were injured, none seriously, in a car-school bus accident on Turnpike Road near West Hoke School October 11. Thirty-one of the injured were West Hoke School student passengers on the bus and all have returned to classes, according to Woodrow H. Westall, West Hoke principal.

Other injured included the bus driver James Lloyd, car driver Glenda Ann McLean, 18, of Raeford and a nine-year-old passenger in Miss McLean's vehicle, David Davis. They were all treated and released.

Injured were transported from the scene by Morrison's Ambulance Service, the Hoke Rescue Squad and another school bus. They were treated by Doctors Riley Jordan and R.G. Townsend at the Raeford Medical Center.

Man Held On Drug Charge

A Washington, D. C., man was arrested Saturday and charged with attempting to obtain possession of a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception or subterfuge.

Franklin Campbell, 30, was still in custody Monday on a \$1,000 bond. He was picked up after police reportedly were called to Howell Rexall Drug Co. to check a prescription Campbell had allegedly tried to have filled. He is scheduled to appear in district court Friday.

Police arrested four Laurinburg men Friday night on warrants charging the four with affray. Thomas George McNeill, 20, Robert McNeill, 20, Robert Earl McLaurin, 20, and Jimmy Steele, 16, were charged after a reported disturbance at the football game.

An estimated \$1,400 damage resulted from a Monday morning wreck at Prospect Avenue and Fulton Street. A car driven by Juanita Fields Livingston, Rt. 2, was reportedly traveling east on Prospect Avenue when a car driven by Marzetta Kemp Richardson, Raeford, reportedly entered the intersection off Fulton Street after running a stop sign.

Sherrill Richardson, 11, passenger in the Richardson car, was taken to Moore

Homecoming

Hoke Schools will kick off their homecoming celebration Friday at 2 p.m. with a pep rally for the Hoke High and Upchurch School students at Hoke High Stadium.

At 4:30 p.m., there will be a Homecoming parade starting from Hoke High and traveling down Harris Avenue and along Main Street to Edenborough Avenue. The parade will consist of queen candidates, floats from each class and the High School Band. Floats will be judged at the High School following

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Two servicemen died and four are hospitalized with injuries following crash of a UH-1N Air Force helicopter on the Dick Neeley farm about noon Monday. Quick action at the crash scene by local men is credited with probably saving the lives of some of the survivors.

Killed in the crash was Sgt. Billy R. Essary (USAF) of Finley, Tenn. He was a flight mechanic stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

Pronounced dead at Womack Army Hospital Monday was Lt. John Emerson Kewer, (USA) 23, who resided in Spring Lake but listed Alexandria, Va. as his hometown. Kewer was a member of Company B, 2nd battalion, 5th Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg.

Another Army man, S. Sgt. Elmer D. Adams, 29, of Chesapeake, Va. and Ft. Bragg, was reported in serious condition following transfer from Womack to the Army Burn Center at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Other injured, all Air Force personnel listed in satisfactory condition at Womack, are Maj. Robert J. Ellinger, Lt. Terry G. Ohlmeir and SM Sgt. David G. Smith.

Shortly before the crash the downed helicopter had completed participation in Brass Key II, U.S. Readiness Command's joint forces demonstration at Ft. Bragg. The ill-fated craft and two other helicopters flew over the section of Hoke County between Ft. Bragg and U.S. 401 in vicinity of Harmony Heights Road.

Eye witnesses report the craft went down in the woods of the Neeley farm after making a sharp turn. Neeley says he was in the house at the time and heard nothing but did see smoke rising from the woods and thought it was a brush fire.

Earl Conoly and Chris Gaddy, who had been hunting in the area, were riding in the back of a pickup truck traveling south on 401 when they spotted the three helicopters.

Gaddy, a marine home on leave from Parris Island, S.C., reports the helicopters were "flying low, going north, over trees along 401. One of them cut to the left and a second chopper appeared to cut left too, but went down in the trees. One of the choppers landed in the plowed field and the third one kept circling overhead."

City Manager John Gaddy, who was driving, turned the truck around and drove through the plowed field to the edge of the woods. Both Gaddy and Conoly ran to the crash scene.

They, military personnel and other hunters and local sawmill workers used pine boughs and tacks to put out the fire which spread from the downed aircraft. Using their hands and feet they cleared a three-foot wide fire break between the fire and the injured men. Young Gaddy said the injured were some distance from the wreckage.

The Gaddys said when they arrived at the scene, one serviceman who reportedly had suffered a broken leg in the crash was attempting to put out the flames, another was propped up against a tree.

Conoly said most of the injured men did not have boots on but all except one still had clothing on their bodies. The one who had only parts of his trousers and his boots still on his body reportedly asked hunters Jimmy Riley and Johnny Melton to cut his boots off.

The injured men were placed on stretchers from one of the other helicopters and flown to Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg. First word of the accident reached military authorities when one of the helicopters radioed the information to the military reservation.

In the woods, a swath of broken trees

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RAY VAUGHN



THE REV. ARNIE ROBERTSON

SPECIAL SERVICES SET - The First Baptist Church of Raeford will hold special evangelistic services October 21 - 26. The meetings will start Sunday at 11 a.m. Services will be each evening at 7:30 p.m. The guest singer will be Ray Vaughn, from Decatur, Ga. Vaughn sang for the Don McNeill Breakfast Club over national radio. The guest evangelist is the Rev. Arnie Robertson, Greensboro, a well known Baptist Evangelist who has aided Billy Graham in some crusades. Vaughn will give a 7:15 p.m. solo concert each evening. The public is welcome.