

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Last Thursday marked a new day for the shopping public of Raeford and Hoke County when the Edenborough Shopping Center was officially opened. The ribbon cutting ceremony was impressive and the words from all who had a part in bringing the center to Raeford were very impressive.

The get-together at the Civic Center was a success and I believe all were grateful to the people of Hoke County in the way they showed thanks.

One comment I would make is that "Miss North Carolina" was wonderful, but her chaperone was also a very pretty young lady. It was nice to have them at the opening.

Bill Bailey has become lazy and I don't believe he will have a chart this month unless some rain comes in the next week. I understand only about a tenth of an inch has fallen so far in October.

Not so many years ago the farmers of our county would be complaining about the price of tobacco and cotton. Now they are wanting to know how they can sell these products. The tobacco markets have space for only a small part of the crop and cotton cannot be picked because the cotton gin is running about a week or two behind. So the times have really changed. Just like I said about the depression of the 30's, then you didn't have money to buy anything, now you have money with nothing to buy. The farmer of the 30's had the produce but couldn't sell because no one wanted it, now they have prices but can't get the produce on the market. What a change in forty years.

I am still waiting for my Republican friend to answer about U.S. 401 but guess the mess in Washington has his mind off North Carolina for the time being.

Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time goes out Sunday morning at two o'clock. Please move the clock back or you will lose an hour of sleep. The hour was lost in April so you can catch up on it this weekend.

I wish they would leave the clock as is. I would rather get up in the dark than leave work in the dark. Anyway I can't change it so I will put up with it.

The writeup of my trip to Virginia brought forth other people who got lost the way I did. One person said he was raised in Norfolk but couldn't get around there anymore.

Monday was Veterans' Day by an act of Congress. It takes the place of Armistice Day which was observed on November 11. Also this month Tuesday was United States Day and Wednesday was United Nations Day. Don't forget that next Wednesday, October 31 is Halloween.

Raz Autry, chairman of the Arabia Golf Course tournament committee, announces that the monthly 4-ball golf tournament will be held Sunday, October 28. Tee off time is 1 p.m. The prize to play is \$3 per person or \$12 for a foursome. So if you are a tournament player get in touch with Raz or stop by the club house and someone there will take your money.

Drink Bottle Collection Set

Members of the Public Affairs Department of the Raeford Woman's Club will sponsor a returnable drink bottle collection Saturday. Bottles may be brought to the Presbyterian Church parking lot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Club members will return them to various drink companies.

The companies will not accept broken bottles or bottles which have had paint, cement or oil in them.

Senior citizens with ten or more bottles to contribute may call 875-3563 before noon Saturday for home pickup.

Money received from bottle sales will go to the Hoke County Library Building Fund.

Bloodmobile Coming

Clyde Upchurch Jr., Red Cross chapter chairman, announces that the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Raeford November 2. Watch for details next week.

Edenborough Center Officially Open

Council Holds Special Meeting

The Raeford City Council held a special meeting October 18 to open bids for equipment and to receive the audit report from the City Auditor of Lovin and Company, Red Springs.

Raeford Auto Company presented low bids of \$4,798.97 on a two ton truck cab and chassis, \$3905.73 on a three quarter ton truck, and \$2,993.26 on a half ton pickup.

Hoke Auto Company presented a low bid of \$4,483.51 on a one ton truck.

A motion to accept the low bid on each item was made by Councilman Hestal Garrison, seconded by Councilman C. L. Thomas, Jr., and carried.

Kenneth Davis, of Lovin and Company, presented the annual audit and reported the city was in good financial condition with 97 percent of the taxes collected last year.

The council approved a motion to advertise for bids on a maintenance building to be located at the Raeford City Airport.

City fathers also accepted a contract presented by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company to furnish equipment to be used in the Fire Department to notify volunteer firemen of an alarm.

Two Arrested In Area Theft

Two Fayetteville men were arrested October 16, in connection with the October 14 theft of \$629 worth of frozen food from a storage house owned by Foster McBryde Jr., Rt. 1.

Arrested were Raymond Glen Autry, 33, and Marshall M. Faircloth, 39. Both were charged with breaking and entering and larceny. Bond was set at \$3,500 each and Autry was released on bond. Faircloth was still being held Wednesday in lieu of bond. Both are scheduled to appear in district court for preliminary hearing Friday.

The Sheriff's department reportedly recovered \$43 worth of frozen meat believed to be part of the food missing from McBryde's freezer.

Robert E. Williams, Rt. 1, reported items valued at \$671 missing from his utility room. He reportedly returned Monday from a weekend trip and noticed the items missing.

Henry Dial, Duffie Community reported a package stolen from his mail. The U.S. Postal Service is investigating.

Police investigated an auto accident October 18 at the Edenborough Center parking lot. Wilmer McNatt Smith, 219 Roberts St., driver of one of the cars, was cited for greater than safe speed after the car he was driving struck a car driven by Debora Jane Williams 103 Cole Ave.

Damages were estimated at \$350 to the Williams car and \$150 to the Smith car.

Mack's Fashion and Variety reported approximately \$400 missing from a cash register October 18. Police are investigating.

A car battery was reportedly taken from a car owned by Patsy Dockery, Raeford, October 19, while Mrs. See TWO ARRESTED, Page 13

Turn Clocks Back

It's that time again. Time to set watches and clocks back one hour. Folks will get an extra hour of sleep this weekend when timepieces are set back an hour at 2 a.m. Sunday morning as the country goes off daylight savings time for the year.



RIBBON CUTTING - Miss North Carolina, Heather Lee Walker, flanked by business and city officials, performs the ribbon cutting ceremony at the official opening of Edenborough Center, Raeford's newest shopping area. Attending were: left to right, Bill Smith, construction supervisor for North Hills, Inc.; Tom Bradshaw, Raleigh Mayor and vice-president of North Hills, Inc.; T.C. Jones, Chairman of the Hoke County Commissioners; John K. McNeill, Raeford's mayor; Miss Walker; M. C. Ernst, vice-president and treasurer of Security Life Insurance Co.; E. H. Evans Sr., president of the Laurinburg & Southern Railroad and Paul DeLaCourt, vice-president of North Hills, Inc. (N-J Photo)



DOORS OPENED - Daniel Frank Powers, manager of B.C. Moore's Store in Edenborough Center opens doors wide to customers for the first time after Thursday's Grand Opening ceremony. (N-J Photo)

B.C. Moore Holds Grand Opening

Raeford's new B. C. Moore's Store officially opened its doors to shoppers for the first time October 18 after a ribbon cutting ceremony which immediately followed the Grand Opening of Edenborough Center, in which the store is located.

The Rev. Herman Winberry, president of the Raeford Ministerial Association, gave a benediction. Mayor John K. McNeill welcomed the new business to Raeford, and Miss North Carolina Heather Lee Walker, cut the red ribbon swinging the doors for the crowd of shoppers and officials gathered for the opening.

B. C. Moore & Sons officials on hand for the opening were W. B. Moore, retired Chairman of the board; A. Rae Moore, active chairman of the board; James C. Crawford Jr., president; W. C. Moore, vice-president; Carl Bennett, secretary; Jack Hartley, treasurer; David Griggs, director of sales; Les Williams, credit manager; and Red Overton, member of the board of directors.

Bennett said the new store is about the same size as the Chain's other 65 stores located throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

Griggs said the company was glad to

be in Raeford. "We hope to fulfill the needs and wants of the people here," he said. Griggs said several buyers from the home office in Cheraw, S. C., were here for the opening.

W. C. Moore said officials were delighted with the reception they and the store had received in Raeford. He described shoppers as "cordial and receptive."

Miss North Carolina greeted shoppers throughout the store and around the center for an hour after the opening.

ESC Services Go Bi-Weekly

Effective November 1, service provided at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission Itinerant Point located in the old Hoke County Highway Building at Prospect and Dickson Streets, will be changed to a bi-weekly basis.

The transition schedule shows the office open October 30 from 9 a.m. to noon, and closed November 6.

November 13 and alternate Tuesdays thereafter, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

New unemployment insurance claims will be ante-dated to the first eligible filing day in those cases where a claimant is eligible to file on a Tuesday when the Itinerant Point is not open.

Sales Tax Report

The September report from the State of North Carolina Department of Revenue lists the net collection in Hoke County for the local one percent sales and use tax as \$15,280.34.

Truck Overtakes; Boy Killed

A nine year old boy was killed when a grain truck, driven by his mother swerved and overturned on Rural road 1143 at the Robeson, Hoke county line at 8:40 a.m. Saturday.

Phillip Hammonds, Stonewall Township, was pinned in the wreckage of the farm grain truck after it reportedly swerved from side to side on the Hoke County road due to a shifting

FIREX 73 Scheduled

Ft. Bragg will host the annual joint artillery firing exercise, FIREX 73 October 26, 27, and 28. Seventeen artillery battalions representing the active Army, North and South Carolina National Guard, and the U.S. Marine Corps will participate.

Due to the large scale of the exercise, the Ft. Bragg information officer has notified Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill Jr., there will be "a certain amount of noise and vibration in the area, but assured him, "every effort is being put forth to insure the training is conducted with the minimum adverse effect on local civilian communities...."

FIREX 73, among the largest artillery exercises in the U.S., will provide an opportunity for tactical, administrative, and communications training for units involved and will improve coordination between the active Army, National Guard, and Marines.

City Applies For Funds

The City has applied for \$44,165 in supplemental reimbursement funds available through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The funds are available because of an amended regulation changing the percentage available on projects originating between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1972, from 30 percent to from 50 to 55 percent federal funding.

The city is seeking additional funds on two projects, \$40,300 on the 1970 city sewer plant expansion project which cost \$1 million, and \$3,865 in additional funds on the 1971 extension of water and sewer lines to the Knit-A-Way Inc. on which the city floated \$140,000 bonds to complete.

Carnival Set

The Hoke County Jaycees will sponsor a Halloween Carnival October 31, at South Hoke School for the sake of safety of children on Halloween.

The carnival is a project to protect trick - or - treaters from potentially dangerous treats. The public will be welcome.

Office Visit Set

Congressman Charlie Rose's mobile district office will be in Raeford from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 2. The office, staffed by Rose's administrative assistant, Rip Collins, will be parked near the post office.

Cooperation all round was hailed as great last Thursday morning as townspeople, city and business officials and guests gathered to officially open Raeford's new Edenborough Center and B. C. Moore's store.

Miss Heather Lee Walker, reigning Miss North Carolina was on hand to perform the actual ribbon cutting ceremonies which followed a short program.

After officials and guests were in their places Miss Walker was introduced and escorted to her seat on the speakers stand. The Rev. Herman Winberry, president of the Raeford Ministerial Association, led the assembly in prayer.

T.C. Jones, chairman of the Hoke County Commissioners, and Mayor John K. McNeill welcomed the new businesses and the shopping center to Raeford. Harold Gillis, Chamber of Commerce manager, further welcomed townspeople to the opening and introduced guests.

E. Hervy Evans, president of the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad which owns and operates Edenborough Center, said the center, L & S's first non-railroad venture, was built to benefit the Raeford-Hoke residents by supplying jobs and shopping conveniences in the local area.

Evans defended the spelling of Edenborough in the name of the center. The name was chosen by Evans to honor Edenborough Medical College, an early medical school which was chartered in Hoke County in 1867. Evans said "If our spelling is wrong, the Legislature's is wrong," and went on to explain the source of the spelling as the historical archives in Raleigh.

Evans then introduced Tom Bradshaw, Raleigh mayor and vice-president of North Hills, Inc., the Raleigh based firm which developed and leased the center. Bradshaw, in attendance for E. N. Richards, head of North Hills, stated the building of the center was a great show of confidence in Raeford and the county by the railroad. He said the railroad had purchased the present center site in 1921, and "the effort to provide this center is a vote of confidence in you people here."

Bradshaw praised the "great cooperation" of people and businesses throughout the area with the building effort and cited as an example "the show of appreciation for new business and consumer opportunities through the special section of the newspaper dedicated to the center."

He credited the building of the center with the opening of space for additional new business in Raeford. Macks Variety and Fashion store moved to the center from a Main Street location now occupied by Super Dollar which opened in August, and A&P Food Store moved to the center vacating the building now occupied by the new Family Dollar.

Following the ceremony, Bradshaw said North Hills, Inc. considered the Raeford center one of the "nicer shopping centers in a town this size."

Officials then filed across the northeast entrance of the center's parking lot where the red ribbon was stretched. Miss North Carolina wielded the scissors to officially open the center.

The crowd then moved to the front doors of the B.C. Moore store for a second grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.

The City Civic Center, decorated in a Halloween theme, housed a reception following the openings. Gillis estimated 75 guests attended the reception.

Good feelings were evident as shoppers and people on hand for the center's opening took a look inside the three stores now open in the center.

W.S. Jones, vice president and general See EDENBOROUGH, Page 13

Hoke Receives Road Allocation

The North Carolina Secondary Roads Council announced it is allocating \$28.7 million for improvements to the state's secondary road system on a county wide basis. Hoke County's allocation is \$40,000 as compared with last year's allocation of \$14,000, the lowest allocation in three years.

Each county's portion of the allotment has been figured on a formula based on the number of unpaved miles within the county and the average cost per mile for paving a road in that county's section of the state. According to Henry Jordan, division Engineer with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Hoke County has only 47.8 miles of unpaved roads.

The State Division of Highways estimates it costs \$42,333 per mile to pave a secondary road in the eastern section of the state; \$38,866 per mile in the central portion and \$54,879 in the western counties.

According to Jordan, it would cost nearly \$1.22 billion to pave all unpaved roads in the state.



WINNING FLOAT - The Hoke High Senior Class presented the 1st prize winning float with the theme "Buck's Express" during the Homecoming parade. The float was manned by Senior Class beauties. Float contest winners were announced at the half time of the Homecoming football game. (N-J Photo)