

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather took a turn toward the winter season Monday and reports were that snow fell in the western part of the state. Some rain also fell here Monday but not enough to do much good.

A letter was received from Raz Autry, principal at Hoke County High School Monday and I will run it without any remarks:

Dear Sam:
Being an East Carolina Alumnus the loss to Carolina was a heart breaker for me, but it was a blessing for the people of Hoke County that trade at the Hoke Drug Company. On Monday morning Jake, Walter, and Mike will be huddled like three F.B.I. agents in the back of the drug store mapping strategy for next week. So thanks to the A.C.C. officials and two extra missed points the drug store will be open on a regular basis rather than closing for two weeks in mourning.

I left this letter on my desk Monday and went out to lunch and upon return the following was written across the bottom of the page.

"Paul Dickson says he'll go along with FCU Sonny Randall who is reported to have said they came out as well as they could have expected."

Another letter to cross my desk this week concerns the concert to be held Saturday night at eight o'clock at the Raeford Elementary School Auditorium. It follows.

I would like to remind everyone to hold this Saturday night open and be sure to attend the North Carolina Symphony Chamber Player's concert. Please don't let the name scare you. A recent review in the Whiteville paper stated the concert was enjoyed by all ages and most entertaining and informative. Don't miss this chance to see orchestra instruments and hear such excellent musicians.

Raefordites have an opportunity no one should miss. Remember Saturday November 3, 8 p.m. at the Raeford Elementary Auditorium, tickets, \$1. You won't regret it.

Thank you, Beth Johnson
The article referred to in the Whiteville paper was an editorial and I will use a couple of paragraphs from the editorial. The editorial was headlined "Bravo". It follows:

"Bravo" to the North Carolina Symphony Chamber Players who gave an impeccable performance at the Whiteville Schools Auditorium Tuesday night. The 10-piece ensemble, composed of the five principal string players and five principal woodwind players from the 68-piece orchestra, presented a varied concert, ranging from a short, whimsical number for woodwind quintet by a modern composer, complete with familiar tunes, to a long Beethoven septet.

The musicians blended their instruments with precision, taking their cues from small facial and body gestures among themselves. It reminded one of an orderly, well-mannered group of friends having an interesting conversation. Watching them perform was almost as enjoyable as listening to the delightful music.

Bloodmobile Here Friday

Hoke Countians have been particularly heavy users of blood during the last few months due primarily to an increased number of terminal illness cases and accidents, reports Clyde Upchurch, Red Cross chapter chairman.

One local man, William Roy Guin Jr., needed more than 25 pints of blood following a serious accident. Upchurch says Guin's friends may donate blood designated as replacement for that used to treat him. In an effort to make up for heavy usage the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Raeford United Methodist Church Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

Upchurch reports the need for 125 productive donors to meet the county's obligations through February 1974. To reach this goal area industries have accepted a quota for Friday's bloodmobile. Burlington Industries quota is 40 donors; Knit-A-Way, 30; Tex-Elastic Corp., 10; Raeford Turkey Farms, 20; and McCain Hospital, 15. Hoke County and Raeford are expected to supply 15 donors each.

The next regularly scheduled visit of the Bloodmobile is February.

State May Face Court In Firings

Billy Guin Hospital Fund Collection Underway

A Billy Guin Hospital Fund has been set up to help cover hospital expenses resulting from the injury of William Roy Guin Jr., 17, of Rt. 1, received in an October 16 two-car auto accident. Guin reportedly has no hospitalization insurance.

Guin was transported to Moore Memorial Hospital after the accident and underwent 9½ hours of surgery and took over 25 pints of blood. He suffered a ruptured spleen, severely damaged liver, and light injury to the spine. Following surgery, Guin was in an intensive care unit 12 days.

Expenses resulting from the hospitalization to Oct. 29 are \$5,260.

That figure does not include the surgery. Guin is expected to remain hospitalized from two to three weeks at \$41 per day for accommodation only.

Donations will be accepted at McDonald's Tire Recapping Service, 114 Racket Alley; Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce, 120 W. Edinborough; the Dickson Press Building, 119 W. Elwood Ave.; Hoke Auto Company, 217 N. Main St.; Conoly's Exxon Service Center, 113 E. Central Ave.; and Raeford Oil Co. Inc., 609 W. Prospect Ave.

Checks should be made payable to Moore Memorial Hospital for William Roy Guin Jr. Donation envelopes will be available at the collection locations.

Girl Dead; Man Held

A 16-year-old girl was shot to death Saturday and John Alexander Graham, 18, Rt. 3 Box 27, is scheduled for preliminary hearing on murder charge in district court November 2. Graham is being held without bond.

The dead girl was identified as Shirley Goodman of the same address. Graham is charged with shooting Miss Goodman in the face with a .12 gauge shotgun at their home about 8:45 p.m. Saturday. A neighbor reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department about 9:15 p.m.

The first law enforcement officer to arrive on the scene was Highway Patrolman Joe R. Stanley. He took Graham to the Hoke County jail where he was booked at 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Deputy sheriffs assigned to investigate the shooting which took place at the home of Annie Bell Graham about a mile outside Raeford near Lake Elizabeth Road are Harvey Young, Chester Bolton, Herbert Polston and James Lamont.

Judge Taps W.T. Altman

William T. Altman Sr., Dillion, S.C. native and Raeford resident, Monday was appointed Hoke County magistrate by Senior Resident Superior Court Judge E. Maurice Braswell.

Altman will replace Boyd Edmund whose letter of resignation was received late last week with effective date retroactive to October 12. He resigned for "personal and business reasons," according to E.E. Smith, clerk of superior court. Edmund had served as magistrate since April 1972.

Altman is currently undergoing

training in Fayetteville with Magistrate J.B. Dordan and will be sworn into the part-time position at a later date. He will not assume duties of the office until training is completed and the swearing in ceremony takes place.

The veteran of World War II, Korean War and Vietnam retired from the U.S. Army in 1966 with the rank of major. During his 26 years service he served in the military justice system as prosecutor, defense counsel and president of a special court. He has 12

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Ervin Supports U.S. Insurance Of Mid-East Arms Balance Of Power

Senator Sam Ervin, (D-N.C.) said the U. S. must insist on a balance of power in the mid-east by supplying military weapons to Israel until peace can be reached. He further stated he did not want to see the U. S. involved in any battle on foreign soil. These comments on the mid-east crisis came Friday during Ervin's speech and question and answer period on the Sandhills Community College Campus.

Ervin said he hoped the Russians realized "there is nothing to be gained by a major power involvement in the situation. We can't procure peace in the middle east until we eliminate some of the ill feelings between the people there", he stated.

The comments came during the second day of the U.S. military alert which reportedly resulted from a Russian communique threatening to send troops to the mid-east, unilaterally if necessary, to supervise a cease fire after Egypt requested troops from the U.S. and Russia.

President Nixon had refused the request earlier.

Ervin was in Pinehurst Thursday, the first full day of the military alert, and had reportedly refused comment on the situation then.

Ervin head of the Senate Special Investigating Committee holding the watergate hearings, described the firing of White House Watergate Special



POSITIVE APPROACH - Bumper sticker clearly and emphatically states feelings of vehicle owner concerning school bond issue which will be presented to voters in North Carolina Tuesday. Polls throughout Raeford and Hoke County open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Two other issues, the clean water act and liquor by the drink will be included in the referendum. City voters will also elect a mayor and five councilmen. (N-J Photo)

Voters To Speak At Polls Tuesday

Polls open Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. in Hoke County and Raeford precincts for the city election and state referendums.

Precincts and polling places in the county are Allendale Precinct, Allendale Community House; Antioch Precinct, Antioch Community House; Blue Springs Precinct, South Hoke School; and

Buchan Precinct, Odoms Store; McCain Precinct, Shiloh Community House; Puppy Creek Precinct, Wayside Community House; and Rockfish Precinct, Rockfish Community House and Stonewall Precinct, Stonewall Community House. Raeford Precincts, One, Hoke County

Courthouse; two, County Office Building; Three, Hillcrest Fire Station; Four, Hoke Civic Center and Five, Upchurch School.

All voters will have opportunity to vote on three issues which are presented for public referendum. They are the clean water act, school bonds and liquor by the drink.

City voters will also elect a mayor and five councilmen.

The clean water act, if approved, will release \$30 million in funds already authorized so it can be used by local governments. Funds including \$50 million to be used exclusively for grants to meet Federal matching requirement to help local governments build or improve waste water treatment facilities were approved by voters last year. Twenty million have already been committed but the remaining \$30 million, according to Federal law, no longer must be used as matching funds. A yes vote would release these funds.

The school bond issue if approved will authorize floating of \$300 million in bonds over a three to five year period to finance educational needs including classroom construction, kindergarten programs, and replacement of obsolete structures. Hoke County will receive more than \$1 million if the bond issue passes.

There is no contest for mayor since only incumbent John K. McNeill Jr. is running for the office. McNeill is seeking his third term of office.

Six candidates, including four incumbents, are running for the five city council seats. Incumbent Hestel Garrison is seeking a third term as are Crawford L. Thomas Jr. and Graham Clark.

J. B. McLeod, completing the unexpired term of J. D. McMillian who died in 1971, is seeking his first elected term of office.

Others seeking a first elected term of office are Robert W. Weaver, former Raeford town clerk treasurer, and Sam C. Morris, The News - Journal general manager.

Bumper Crop Makes Backlog At Cotton Gin

The Oakdale Gin is operating day and night in an effort to diminish the backlog of cotton waiting to be processed at the gin. Tuesday 62 wagons were lined up waiting ginning.

According to Henry Maxwell at the gin this is the first time in the firm's 46 year history such a backlog has existed. He attributed the situation to a bumper crop, increased use of mechanical pickers and an abundance of warm, dry weather.

Maxwell said this year's yield is running one and a half to two bales an acre compared with past yields of three-fourths to a bale and a quarter per acre.

The gin is in the fourth week of rush production with the 62 waiting wagons expected to produce three to seven bales each. Reportedly some farmers have had to curtail picking because wagons are full and waiting ginning.

Names on the waiting wagons are familiar in Hoke County agricultural circles - R. L. Gibson, Lacy Hendrix, Balfour, J. H. Boyles, McGougan, Joe L. Moore and Hayes Farm.



COTTON BACKLOG - At the Oakdale Gin Tuesday morning 62 wagons of cotton were lined up waiting their turn at the gin. A bumper crop combined with increased use of mechanical pickers and abundance of warm dry weather have led to the largest backlog in the gin's 46 year history. Crews have been working day and night for several weeks attempting to gin all the cotton.



INTRODUCTION - Sandhills Community College (SCC) President Raymond A. Stone, left, and H. Clifton Blue, right, president of the board of trustees for SCC, introduce Senator Sam Ervin (D-N. C.) to students. Ervin made an appearance on the SCC campus Friday. (N. J. Photo)