

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Don't forget the Raeford Kiwanis Club Annual Pancake Supper to be held tonight (Thursday) at the Gibson School lunchroom from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock. Also the Garden Club will hold its Christmas Bazaar at the school at the same time.

All proceeds from both events will go to the Bicentennial Library Fund. As the advertisement in last week's paper stated "Buy A Ticket, Even If You Don't Use It."

The Christmas Season is almost with us again and most people are shopping early to avoid the last minute rush.

Now if you buy items be sure to lock them in the trunk of your car instead of leaving them on the seat inside the car where it is very tempting for someone to break into the car and leave with your gift.

So be a little cautious and lock the gate before the horse is out.

An incident happened last Friday afternoon in Raeford that I think is worth passing on to readers of this column.

Mrs. Stanley Koonce parked her Chevrolet auto in the parking lot behind Joe Sugar's store. She took the key out and proceeded to go about her business of shopping.

Inside Joe Sugar's store Paul Solomon gave his Plymouth auto key to Mrs. Ed Manning to go home for dinner. Mrs. Manning went out the back door of the store and drove off in the auto of Mrs. Koonce.

A short time later Mrs. Koonce reported to her husband that the car was gone and he reported to the police.

A few minutes after the police received the report Mrs. Manning returned to the store and returned the key to Paul and told him where she had parked his car.

Paul went out to go home to eat and couldn't find his car where it was supposed to be parked so he in turn reports to the police that his Plymouth had been stolen.

Anyway Paul's car was still parked on Main Street and Mrs. Koonce got her car back. So everything turned out fine.

I asked a mechanic about the Plymouth key fitting the Chevrolet and he said about any key would fit that model of Chevrolet.

So check Mrs. Koonce's car and if you have that model it might pay you to lock it when you park.

I attended my first meeting as a member of the City Council Monday night and left feeling that most citizens of the city think things are running smoothly as no one was present at the meeting to complain about anything. I hope that my two years on the council will see it remain as quiet as it was Monday night.

Let's hope the weather remains warm due to the fuel shortage. Watch your speed and turn back the thermostat.

The following letter was received from Raz Autry, tournament chairman at Arabia Golf Course:

"Dear Golfers:
"It is time for our monthly four ball tournament. You may play it on the 8th or 9th, provided you pay before you play. If you want to play both days you may do so. It will cost \$3.00 per man each time you play. The two best balls will be counted."



GIFT GIVING - Jolly St. Nick handed out goodies to the small fry after his arrival in Raeford Thursday afternoon. The old gent received a warm welcome from local youngsters and some of the oldsters too. (N-J Photo)

Local Industries Feel Energy Pinch

New N.C. Patrol Troop Includes Hoke County

"I do not contemplate a change in the number of highway patrolmen covering Hoke County," reported Lt. Col. E. W. Jones, N. C. Highway Patrol commander, Tuesday.

"The allocation of personnel will remain the same at least for a few months. We are adjusting all troops in the patrol to make modifications with as little change as warranted," reported the commander.

Jones was referring to changes stemming from the formation of an eighth troop in the system. Hoke will be among eight counties included in the new troop H to be formed January 1.

The new eight - county troop will be composed of Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Richmond, Anson, Union, Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties with headquarters in Monroe. Within the troop district H-2 will be composed of Hoke, Scotland and Richmond Counties with headquarters in Rockingham.

Jones said, "The name of the captain to command troop H will be announced in a few days. The slot could be filled by promoting a lieutenant or by lateral transfer of an existing captain."

H troop area counts for about one eighth of the state's traffic problems and the reorganization will give the people a more efficient operation. Changes were based on traffic and accident figures said Jones.

Formation of the new troop is expected to bring approximately 34 promotions within the patrol with competitive written exams given about December 10 and oral exams a "week or so later." All promotions will be announced later this month, said the commander.

Under present configuration within the patrol Hoke, Scotland and Robeson form District 4 of B troop with district headquarters in Lumberton. Other B troop counties are Bladen, Onslow, Duplin, New Hanover, Cumberland, Pender, Columbia, Brunswick and Sampson.

Prisoners May Have Been Exposed To TB

With one Hoke County deputy sheriff hospitalized with tuberculosis, a second hospitalized for testing and a third being placed on preventive medication, it is possible some recent prisoners at the Hoke County jail may have been exposed to tuberculosis.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington reports the jailer diagnosed as tubercular had a negative chest X-ray about six months ago, so it is unlikely anyone incarcerated in the jail more than six months ago was exposed to the disease.

The Hoke County Health Clinic administers T.B. skin tests free of charge and without appointments Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Clinic personnel man a TB screening clinic and do followups on contacts of known tuberculars. Dr. Roy Berry, TB branch of N.C. Division Health Services, recommends anyone who feels he may have been in close contact with a TB carrier have a skin test. All members of the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement personnel are receiving skin tests and some are getting X-rays.

Dr. Berry reports it is possible to have a positive reaction to the skin test without having tuberculosis or without being infectious. Further diagnostic testing through a chest X-ray is recommended following a positive reaction to the skin test.

Berry says, "The greatest risk of contracting the disease exists for members of the tubercular's household. Casual contact for a few minutes several times a day on a daily basis does not usually constitute a risk but close exposure over several weeks would create some risk."

"You do not catch TB by eating food handled by a tubercular carrier," stressed Berry. "The disease is caught by breathing infected air into the lungs. Danger or infection is increased if the carrier coughs or sneezes around another individual or directly on food."

"Tuberculosis is not the same as it used to be years ago. Today we have excellent treatment and can practically guarantee cure with 95 percent certainty" explains the specialist.

One of the new medications mentioned by Dr. Berry is Isoniazid (I and H), an anti tuberculosis drug which is often used as a preventative. Berry said he thought this is the medication which will be administered as a preventative to the one deputy sheriff who had a positive reaction to the skin test but does not have active tuberculosis.

Rogers is charged with interfering with federal officers in April while they were searching a Robeson County home where they found two truckloads of documents allegedly taken during Indian occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington.

The Locklears are charged with interference and possession of stolen documents. A fourth defendant in the case William Sargent of Los Angeles will also be tried.

Defense lawyers are Phillip A. Diehl, Raeford, and Jim Rowan, Durham.

One Dies; Six Hurt

A Fayetteville man was killed and six persons were injured as a result of a two-car head-on collision on U.S. 401 ten miles north of Raeford Saturday. John Thomas Campbell, 20, driver of one of the cars was pronounced dead at the scene after reportedly attempting to pass another car going north and hitting a car driven by Charles Edward Wilson, 23, Fayetteville, in the south-bound lane of traffic, said investigating Highway Patrolman E.W. Coen. Both cars left the road upon impact and stopped on the shoulder, authorities say.

Six persons including Wilson, were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital for treatment. The injured were: Walter Coe Jr., passenger in and owner of the Wilson car, Lula Mae Farmer, 15, Rt. 1; Thomas Lee Dixon, 21, Thomas J. Clark, 23 and William Edward Clark, 23 of Fayetteville.



SWEARING IN - John K. McNeill Jr., left, was administered the oath of office by E.E. Smith, Hoke County superior court clerk, right, at Monday's city council meeting. McNeill will serve a third term as Raeford's mayor. (N-J Photo)

New Council Takes Office

Raeford's newly elected Mayor and city councilmen were sworn in at the city council's regular monthly meeting Monday by Clerk of Superior Court E.E. Smith. John K. McNeill Jr. took the oath of office for mayor for a third term.

Councilmen sworn in were Graham Clark, who was appointed mayor pro-tem, J.B. McLeod, Sam C. Morris, C.L. Thomas Jr., and Robert W. Weaver. The council approved a water contract between the Thomas-Davis Corporation and the city requiring payment to the corporation of acreage fees for any tie-on to water lines now running through Thomasfield subdivision.

The council also agreed to pay \$80 in revenue sharing funds for architectural services rendered by Charles Morrison Grier & Associates, Inc. of Charlotte. The firm worked on plans for the Hoke County Library.

In further action, the council voted unanimously not to light the city's Christmas decorations this year because of the energy crisis.

City fathers approved several zoning changes proposed by the city planning

board. Approved for rezoning from residential to commercial zones were: Bernard Bray's land off N.C. 211; Bobby Carter's land off N.C. 211 adjacent to the Knit-A-Way plant; Land on West Wooley St. purchased by the State Department of Education to be used as a site for a new Board of Education building; and Culbreth-Tapp land on the North side of Harris Avenue from Bethel Road to Robbins Street. Approved for rezoning from residential to light industrial was land belonging to Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc., already located inside a fenced area of the plant.

Acting on a recommendation by the Airport Authority, the council approved submitting for Federal Aviation Agency approval leasing airport land to Paul Rose for flying instruction operation.

In final action, City Manager John Gaddy presented for discussion a proposal the city require businesses to replace open wooden and wire garbage bins with bulk metal containers with tight fitting lids and side openings for easy emptying. This proposal would require the city purchase a truck equipped to handle the large containers. Curb side pickup of residential area garbage was also discussed.

Gas In, Gas Up, Gas Out

The story in at least one Raeford service station Saturday was gas in, gas up, gas out.

A load of gas was dumped into tanks at Conoly's Exxon Station on Central Avenue Saturday morning. Drivers who had a tough time finding gasoline during the preceding week lined their vehicles up at the pumps and said "fill 'er up." By Saturday afternoon the gas was sold out. Another shipment arrived Monday.

Pumps at the station went dry November 27 and stayed that way for four days before the Saturday shipment arrived.

Jimmy Conoly reports the shipment did not fill his tanks and this combined with heavy volume of sales "25 to 30 percent above normal" resulted in empty tanks by 4 p.m. He says, "Monday was also a madhouse."

Another delivery is due Monday but to stretch the short supply Conoly has placed a \$3 limit on sales. Of the shortage, he predicts, "This is going to be our worst month."

Other stations reported similar heavy runs on gasoline Saturday. Harrell's Grocery on West Prospect Avenue

reports a delivery Saturday with sales "double normal volume. Everybody was filling up."

Gasoline at Harrell's had dribbled down to the last drop November 26. The pumps had also been empty a total of seven days earlier in November. The station has no limited sales.

Pete's Exxon Station, North Main Extension, squeezed out the last drops the day before Thanksgiving and had been dry ten days when Saturday's shipment of gasoline arrived.

They report Saturday sales "heavier than normal but we still have gas in the pumps." The firm is not sure when the next delivery will arrive.

One station which did not have a run on gas Saturday was Strickland's Exxon at U.S. 401 north and the bypass. They had no gas. Their pumps ran dry November 28 and were not refilled until Monday. Even then, no high test arrived. They have set a \$3 limit and are accepting only cash and credit card sales.

Owner Johnny Strickland reports November's allocation was only 6,000 gallons, about half the monthly amount I was receiving in the spring."



DEATH CAR - A Fayetteville man, John Thomas Campbell, 20, was killed in a two-car collision at 3:10 a.m. Saturday on U.S. 401, 10 miles north of Raeford. Accident reports say the cars hit head-on and left the road stopping on the shoulder. Six people were injured in the wreck. (see related story).

Local industries are feeling the pinch of the energy crisis to varying degrees and most are implementing some type of energy conservation program.

Some of the firms are solely on interruptable natural gas. This means in case of severe shortage their gas supply could be cut off and buildings would be without heat. Others use heating fuel or have the capability of switching to heating fuel or coal in an emergency.

Burlington Industries has new boilers which operate on natural gas or fuel oil. The firm has received a low priority from the gas company.

The government had given Burlington until 1974 to remove their coal burners so the firm is presently using coal on a part time basis. Burlington has applied for an extension on the coal burner removal date.

Bob Gentry, Worsted Plant personnel manager, reports no drop in supply of raw materials, so far. The plant runs dacron, a synthetic made from fuel byproducts.

Other Burlington officials report plants are equipped to run whatever fibers are readily available and if necessary can implement changes in blend levels and fabric construction.

Gentry and Ashwell Harward, Dyeing Plant personnel manager, say the crises has not effected employment and they do not expect it to do so unless the propane operated finishing plant in Clarksville, Va. is affected.

Material woven and dyed in the Raeford plants is shipped to Clarksville for finishing. Gentry comments, "We do not have sufficient storage space to stockpile material here."

Burlington's conservation efforts includes removing more than 1,000 light bulbs, lowering thermostats, encouraging employee car pools and even building a bike rack for employees.

They have embarked on a concerted effort to educate employees in need for and methods of energy conservation.

Continental Yarn Corp. in Rockfish has not been so fortunate in past weeks but the situation improved this week. Because of a shortage of rayon synthetic staple the firm was forced to close their second and third shifts resulting in unemployment for 30 people.

Sam Hiser, plant superintendent, says he hopes to reopen all shifts next week because the firm received one staple shipment last week, two on Tuesday and expects one more later this week. "We should be in good shape for a while," comments Hiser.

The firm's manufacturing area is electrically heated with offices and warehouses propane heated. Hiser says they are "doing everything possible to conserve energy. We keep the offices at temperatures which are a little "under comfortable."

Clyde Upchurch Jr., Hoke Concrete Works, reports using interruptable natural gas to cure building blocks. This requires eight hours of steam a day.

He says, "If gas is cut we have some fuel oil on hand. If that runs out, we could switch to coal if necessary."

Upchurch, a coal dealer, reports coal prices increased \$4 a ton at the mine in the last month. He has a normal supply of coal at the plant now, just under 300 tons, but is concerned about future

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Mill Announces Vacation Pay

Burlington Industries employees will receive \$12 million in vacation pay this calendar year. Company officials reported this week.

Half the amount was distributed to employees during the mid-year holidays in July and August; the remaining \$6 million will be paid in mid-December, to coincide with manufacturing plant vacation schedules.

Christmas parties for employees and children—a long-standing Burlington tradition—will also be held during the next two weeks. More than 75,000 treat bags will be distributed to children age 12 and under.

United Fund Gifts Talled

Monday total counted contributions to the 1974 Hoke County United Fund Campaign drive amounted to \$11,863.14. The drive which began October 22 has a goal of \$21,325.57, reports Younger Snead Jr., drive co-chairman.

Burlington Worsted Raeford and Dyeing Plants, contributed \$10,350.24. The Board of Education office, South Hoke School, West Hoke School and Scurlock School turned in \$589, and Upchurch Milling and Storage Co. donated \$198.90, reports Sam C. Morris, drive co-chairman.