

Around Town
By Sam C. Morris

The first weekend in January brought weather that was misty and wet. Last weekend the weather was clear, but the temperature dropped into the 20's Saturday night and Sunday. Monday it was real cold and it rained in the afternoon.

Maybe the weather will be warmer on the upcoming weekend, and golfers can get back on the course. I believe some fellows play every weekend rain or shine, or cold or warm. A little postman in each of them.

Super Sunday was a great day for the basketball fans of N. C. State University and the followers of the Miami football team. With the weather like I mentioned above, most folks stayed in and watched the games.

I noticed in the Raleigh paper that early morning services were crowded and that some other churches let out early because of the games.

I don't believe anyone will want to see a better performance than those put on by David Thompson of N. C. State and Larry Csonka of the Miami team. They were really up for these games.

The Raeford Kiwanis Club next week will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club. This is the oldest club in Raeford and has accomplished many things during these 50 years. I believe that R. B. Lewis is the only charter member that is still active in the club. I don't know for sure if he is the only living charter member or not. I will try to find out by next week.

So, congratulations to the Raeford Kiwanis Club and the great work they have done for the past 50 years.

Don't forget the Raeford Woman's Forum to be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Gibson Cafeteria at Hoke High School.

Abernethy Quits Post

The Hoke County board of education has met several times since accepting the resignation of School Superintendent D.D. Abernethy last week, but members report, "No decision has been reached concerning replacement."

Abernethy, whose resignation is effective February 10, will become the North Carolina representative for a Chicago based major educational media firm.

Hoke school superintendent for the past six years, Abernethy assumed the post upon the death of Superintendent W.T. Gibson Jr. in 1967.

The Catawba County native came to Raeford as Hoke High School principal in 1964. Three years later he went to Pembroke State University as director of student teaching but remained only a few months and returned to Hoke County upon the death of Mr. Gibson.

Abernethy also served as Wallace - Rose Hill High School principal in Duplin County and three years as an elementary school principal in Catawba County.

During his tenure as Hoke superintendent desegregation of the county school system was completed in 1967 and Abernethy appeared before the U.S. Senate's Select Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity in June 1970 to report on the Hoke desegregation program.

As chairman of the county board of health he was instrumental in bringing the U.S. Army Domestic Action program to Hoke County.

Abernethy is chairman of the United Fund, and Manpower Development Training Committee Act. He is a member of the Recreation Commission, area board of Sandhills Mental Health Clinic, Cape Fear Council Boy Scouts

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THANKS—McCain Hospital employees received length-of-service awards from the state Department of Human Resources Secretary David T. Flaherty, center, in an awards ceremony January 11. On hand to thank employees for their service were, from left, Ralph E. Dodge, hospital administrator; Flaherty; Dr. W. Harold Gentry, medical director of N. C. Specialty Hospitals; J. S. Lennon, administrator of N. C. Specialty Hospitals; and Charles E. Pullen, assistant hospital administrator. (Chesser Photo)

McCain Has A Future Flaherty Tells Employees

By Jama Chesser

"There is no question, McCain Hospital fits in our future plans..." This reassurance was given to McCain Hospital employees by Secretary of the two year old State Department of Human Resources, David T. Flaherty during an awards presentation ceremony at the hospital January 11.

Flaherty said hospital employees concerned over the recent wave of state employee firings "don't need to worry. We are doing everything we can to make our employees satisfied that you are important."

Flaherty did, however, make clear his desire for changes in the four state specialty hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis and pulmonary diseases. He presented part of a plan that he said would "better utilize facilities around the state". The plan, which will go before the upcoming general assembly, includes turning over Gravelly Hospital at Chapel Hill to the University of

North Carolina. Flaherty said that the hospital had 100 beds and only 40 patients. He said it costs the state 1.5 million to keep the facility open.

Flaherty's plan also calls for the continuation of Western Hospital near Asheville and Eastern Hospital at Wilson, but calls for better utilization and a "rehabilitative goal" for the hospitals.

It was announced earlier that 28 new staff positions will be created at McCain following studies which revealed a need to increase the staff on the basis of number of patients served and job classification.

Flaherty was introduced as guest speaker for the first annual awards ceremony by J.S. Lennon, former McCain administrator and administrator of N.C. Specialty Hospitals, one of the 31 agencies, boards and commissions

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Appeal Tests Juvenile Law

A ruling in Hoke County juvenile court Friday is being appealed and if the N.C. Court of Appeals agrees with defense attorneys' contentions a portion of the state statutes on juvenile justice could be declared unconstitutional. One local attorney said it could be around May before a ruling would be handed down in the case.

A legal battle may erupt before that time if the state should attempt to present the case to the grand jury when it meets again January 28.

Late Tuesday afternoon District Attorney Jack Thompson said, "I am not right on top of this case right now because I haven't talked with Randy Gregory, assistant DA, who handled it, but I don't think a pending appeal would stop me from going to the grand jury for indictments."

Thompson added he would have to study the case more closely before making a final decision, and reported, "I'm not aware if they have filed notice of appeal."

The preliminary hearings were conducted Friday by District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree for two juveniles being held in connection with the Dec. 21, 1973 alleged kidnap - assault on two 14 - year old girls. The two youths are 14 and 15 years old.

Dupree ruled the two youths should be tried in Superior Court as adults. Defense attorneys Bobby Burns McNeill of Raeford and R. Lewis Ray of Winston - Salem gave notice of appeal.

Under North Carolina law if a juvenile 14 years or older is charged with a capital offense (first degree murder, rape, burglary or arson) the judge must bind him over as an adult for Superior Court action.

However if the charge is a lesser felony the judge may decide whether the youth is to be tried as an adult or a juvenile.

The defense appeal in the current Hoke County case is based on the contention the law is unconstitutional because there is no criteria on which the judge must base his decision in the lesser felony cases.

A hearing for a third juvenile defendant was postponed until Friday because a prosecution witness did not appear in court.

Gregory, a 1973 Wake Forest Law School graduate, passed his bar examination August 1973 and joined the DA's staff October 29, 1973.

Also on Friday in district court four older youths, charged in connection with the same incident, were bound over to the grand jury. They are Ronald Bordeaux, 16, Robert McMillian, 18, and James Herman Bordeaux, 18, charged with two cases of kidnapping and two of assault with intent to commit rape; and Bobby McCrowe, 18, two charges of kidnapping and one of assault with intent to commit rape. All are being held on \$50,000 bond. All are from Fayetteville except McMillian who is from Parkton.

The juveniles are being held on \$25,000 bond.

Carter Named Raeford Bank's New President

At their regular afternoon monthly meeting January 10 The Bank of Raeford board of directors named W.E. (Gene) Carter president of the institution. Carter has served as executive vice president since he joined the banking firm in May 1973.

Also promoted by the directors were Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson from cashier to vice president and cashier, R. L. Conoly, from assistant cashier to assistant vice president, and David Hayes and Joyce Monroe to assistant cashiers.

Chairman of the Board of Directors J. L. McNeill had also been serving as president since R. B. Lewis retired from that position in May.

Earlier in the day all directors were reelected at the annual stockholders meeting.

The December 31, 1973 statement of condition indicates The Bank of Raeford has increased total assets to \$10,320,206 as compared with \$9,276,611 on December 31, 1972. Most significant increase was more than \$1 million in loans. The 1973 statement shows \$2,795,288 in loans.

Leonard Closing By 10th

By Kay Piotrkowski

The News-Journal learned Wednesday morning Samuel Leonard Training School will be closed by February 10.

By that date all juveniles will have been transferred to other schools or released from Leonard and the Department of Youth Development will turn over the facility to the N. C. Department of Corrections for use as a prison education center for adult youthful offenders under 18 years old. This plan was made public last fall.

Friday a team of corrections representatives began screening the training school staff members to determine which members would be transferred to Department of Corrections and retained at the McCain institution, which would be transferred within Youth Development and which would be released.

The screening team will base decisions on which employees meet the new job specifications, are qualified for the new responsibilities and wish to transfer to Department of Corrections.

Sources indicate the work force at the correction facility will be smaller than was maintained at the training school but exact figures were not obtainable.

In the past the training school had a payroll for 91 employees at approximately \$55 million a month. The annual operating budget was about \$985,000.

Maj. Waylon O. Fulk Gets Silver Star For Gallantry

Editor's note: This article about Maj. Waylon O. Fulk, a Hoke County native, is reprinted from the Pope Air Force Base Hercules Herald. Fulk, his wife, the former Jimmie Walters of Hoke County, and their two children reside in Fayetteville's Cottonade housing development. He is the son of Mrs. Glenn O. Fulk, Rt. 3, and the late Mr. Fulk.



Maj. Waylon O. Fulk

By Sgt. Paul Smith

War stories sometimes can be taken with a grain of salt, but for Maj. Waylon O. Fulk of Pope Air Force Base, the story about being shot out of the sky over Vietnam in 1972 is all too real.

The story is documented by a silver star ribbon he wears on his Air Force uniform. The third highest combat decoration was presented by Brig. Gen. Theodore Crichton, 839th Air Division commander, at a recent award ceremony at Pope Air Force Base. A silver star is presented for gallantry in action.

Major Fulk, a chief-pilot now assigned to Standardization Evaluation at Pope, received the decoration for his performance under enemy fire while flying night missions as aircraft commander of an AC-130 gunship. The major was in Vietnam from August, 1971, through March, 1972.

His AC-130E gunship was designed to

Coley Chairs Health Board

At the regular quarterly meeting Monday members of the Hoke County Board of Health re-elected Walter Coley as chairman and Dr. Julius F. Jordan as vice chairman.

Two new members Mrs. Dick Neeley and Mrs. Alfred K. Leach were welcomed to the board. A resume of the Health Clinic was presented in order to explain activities, functions and work load at the facility.

The board passed a nine-page resolution submitted by County Sanitarian Russell Mills. The resolution updated a 1956 ordinance on solid waste in order to comply with state law.

Coley asked board members to begin thinking about the budget in preparation for approval of a tentative budget at the board's March meeting.

Forum Tonight

The first of seven Hoke Community Forum sessions is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight at Gibson Cafeteria. There will be no admission charge. All Hoke County residents will be welcome. Dr. Maynard Adams, Kenan Professor of philosophy at U.N.C. Chapel Hill, guest speaker, will talk on "Quest for Quality in Life." Following Dr. Adams' speech, there will be a short break in the program to allow the audience to write down questions.

A panel of community residents will comment, and a question and answer period will follow. This format will be used throughout the seven forum sessions.

Dr. Adams received B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Richmond; B.D., Colgate from Rochester Divinity School; and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Philosophy from Harvard University.

He was teaching fellow and freshman advisor at Harvard, and assistant professor of philosophy at Ohio University before coming to Chapel Hill as assistant, associate, and full professor of philosophy 26 years ago.

Dr. Adams has served as director of Free World Institute, general college advisor at U.N.C. president of the Chapel Hill Community Action Program; president of the N.C. Philosophical Society; president of the Joint Orange Chatham Community Action Program and on the board of directors of the Center for the Study of Human Values.

He received the Thomas Jefferson award and the Outstanding Educator of America Award in 1971.

Tonight's local panel will be Raz Autry, principal of Hoke High School; Graham Pope, Burlington Industries; Mrs. A.B. Kemp, Department of Social Services and Mrs. B.F. Ferguson, teacher and minister's wife.

The second community forum session will be January 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Upchurch Junior High School. The topic will be "Trends in Race Relations".

Guest speakers will be Dr. Richard Baroloph, professor of History at U.N.C., Greensboro; Lonnie Revels,

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Mayor John K. McNeill Jr.

Mayor Proclaims Kiwanis Golden Anniversary Week

WHEREAS 1974 is the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Raeford, North Carolina, AND WHEREAS, achievement of this milestone represents more than the completion of fifty calendar years, but is, in truth, the Golden Anniversary of Kiwanis service to Raeford and its people, AND WHEREAS the contribution which the men of Kiwanis have made to this community has been made possible by the support of its citizens, I, therefore, call upon those citizens to continue that support by joining me in honoring the Kiwanians of Raeford, and I declare this to be Kiwanis Golden Anniversary Week in Raeford, urging every citizen to join me in wishing Kiwanis a happy birthday, and many more to come in the years that lie ahead.

Witness my hand and seal,
John K. McNeill, Jr.
Mayor

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Hoke Accidents Took 11 Lives

Sgt. D. L. Minshew, N. C. Highway Patrol, reports 11 people lost their lives on Hoke County roads during 1973. This is the same number killed on county roads in 1972 and is well below the high 1971 count of 30.

Minshew reports three of the 1973 fatalities were cases where the accident began in Hoke County but the fatal point of impact was in another county. Two involved Moore County and one Robeson County.

Alarm To Blow

Beginning in February the Raeford Fire Department will blow the fire alarm before each drill on the second Monday and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., announced Fire Chief Crawford Thomas, Jr.