

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

In this column last week I took note that the Raeford Kiwanis Club would celebrate the 50th Anniversary this week. I also stated that R. B. Lewis was the only charter member still in the club. There are two other charter members of the club that are still living. They are G. B. Rowland, a local attorney, and Dr. K. B. Geddie who practiced medicine here during the twenties.

So, from the 66 men who formed this club in 1924, only three are still living.

A certain lady in town was either entertaining or was practicing songs with a group the other night at her home here. The group was singing "Alice Blue Gown" and doing a fine job. They stopped in the middle of the song to find the husband of the house dressed in a long blue gown and wearing a wig. Now this is all I heard, but Hugh Lowe can fill you in on all details.

Super Sunday was a great sports day, but last Saturday the two college basketball games on television were all anyone could ask for. Notre Dame defeated UCLA and stopped an 88 - game winning streak. Then Bobby Jones stole the ball on a throw - in by Duke to give Carolina a two point victory with only four seconds left in the game. Yes, for the past two weekends, sports has been at its best.

The weather has been warm for the past few days, but it has taken its toll. There were three out from work at this office Monday. Some others were at work but they were operating at less than 100%. Maybe things will round off soon as far as the weather is concerned. One thing we must do in January is list taxes. The month is about gone so if you don't want to pay a fine or face a prison term go by and list. It only takes a few minutes.

This letter was received Monday from Raz Autry and is self - explanatory:

Dear Sam:

I would like to publicly express my deep appreciation to the Hoke County Board of Education for expressing their confidence in me by electing me Superintendent of the Hoke County Schools. I have worked with this board for the past seven years as principal of Hoke County High School. They are fully committed to education, and I don't know of any group of men who have worked any harder to bring about sound education for our children.

I also would like to express my appreciation to Donald Abernethy for leading our schools through a difficult and restless period. I have worked with him very closely, and I am fully aware of his deep and abiding interest in education. I wish Don well in his new position, and I am sure he will be tremendously successful.

If I said I did not leave the high school with very mixed emotional feelings, I would be less than honest. I love this high school, and all the young people in it, and those that have passed through it. I also feel I am big enough to turn the reins over to the new man we will pick at the end of the school year. The people of Hoke County can rest assured that the board and I will look for the man to lead the high school, and all of the positions that have to be filled in Hoke County that has the interest of the young people of Hoke County as its first priority.

I am dedicated to a simple philosophy of education. First, all people connected with the school system must work for a common goal, and that administrators can not work by a clock. Secondly, that young people only pass this way once, and they have a right to expect and demand that they be given the best education possible. Thirdly, that competent people are necessary for competent programs. Fourthly, the superintendency should have an open door policy, and be available to the people.

I only ask that the people be patient with me until I have adjusted to my new position, and they can rest assured that I will give it all that I have.

Sincerely yours,
Raz Autry

Paper Drive

A newspaper drive for the benefit of the Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Old newspapers may be taken to the Raeford United Methodist Church parking lot, Main Street, between 1 and 4 p.m.

State Says LSD Sold

A Hoke County High School student was arrested January 17 and charged with possessing and distributing Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD) to a juvenile girl January 9 at Hoke County High School parking lot while on board a school bus. The warrant alleges he distributed the substance to the girl for \$3.

The accused is listed on the warrant as Roy D. Hayward, Jr., and on the bond and jail blotter as Roy D. Hayward III. His address is listed as Rt. 2.

Bond for the 16-year-old youth was set at \$5,000 by Magistrate Helen S. Barrington, but District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree on writ filed by the defendant's attorney, Carl Barrington, Jr., Fayetteville, reduced the bond to \$2,500.

Hayward is out on bond while awaiting preliminary hearing which is scheduled February 1. Investigation in the case was conducted by Hoke County Sheriff D. M. Barrington, Deputies Alex Norton and George McGuire and SBI Agent T. W. Anders.



Woodrow (Woody) Wilson Jr.

Wilson Files For Office

Woodrow (Woody) Wilson Jr., a 27-year-old Hoke County native, has filed to run for one of the three county commissioner's seats up for election this fall.

Wilson said his platform will be to better the law enforcement and fire protection capabilities in outlying county areas.

"I am aware of the hard time our county fire departments have getting the equipment they need," said Wilson. "It seems most of the protection is centered right around Raeford, and the outlying areas need some help."

Wilson, a Hoke High School graduate, has lived in the county all his life except for four years he served with the U.S. Navy stationed in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Va. He presently operates his own business, a service station in Ashley Heights.

Wilson is married to the former Barbara Gardner, also a Hoke County native. They have two children, Bryan 4, and Suzanne, 18 months. The family resides at 205 S. Dixon St.

Lamont Quits

James E. Lamont, former Raeford police chief, has resigned as deputy with the Hoke County Sheriff's Department effective February 1, to accept a position with the Pinehurst Police Department.

Lamont was hired as deputy several months after he quit the Raeford police force in March, 1973, following a disagreement with City Manager John Gaddy.

The Laurinburg native has more than 12 years of law enforcement experience and had worked on police departments in Maxton and Scotland County before coming to Hoke County.

Lamont's resignation will leave the Sheriff's department two men below full strength.

Leaf Future Is Unsettled

Hoke County tobacco farmers are hesitant to predict what effect the increased acreage-poundage allotment will have on the local tobacco economy. Most seem to concur that leasing prices will probably be down a little this year which will result in leasing larger allotments for less money.

Lease negotiations are being conducted in the county now. In cases where agreements were reached before the allotment increase was announced the lease price on the increased portion of the allotment would probably have



PRESS AWARD - Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt, left, presented 1973 North Carolina Press Association's first place weekly columns division brass plaque to Kay Piotrkowski, The News-Journal associate editor, at the midwinter press institute in Chapel Hill January 17. NCPA President Sam Ragan, publisher editor of The Pilot, Southern Pines, right, placed second in the columns category. The first place award, accepted on behalf of the newspaper by Mrs. Piotrkowski, was for a column she wrote in November 1972 titled "Paradox" (NCPA Photo).

News-Journal Column Cops Top Scribe Prize

For the first time since the 1961 competition a member of The News-Journal staff won a first place writing award for the paper in the North Carolina Press Association's annual Newspaper contest.

The brass plaque for first place in columns category, weekly division 1973 contest, was accepted on behalf of the newspaper by Kay Piotrkowski, The News-Journal associate editor, from Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt at the midwinter press institute in Chapel Hill January 17.

The award was for a column titled "Paradox" written by Mrs. Piotrkowski and published in November 1972. It was a mood piece about a friend of the author's who while living in a tightly secured, fortress-like environment in Washington, D.C. espouses unilateral disarmament for the United States.

Comments from the West Virginia Press Association judge were, "Her approach to a human paradox was highly original, had great impact and appeal. The writing was first-class." Mrs. Piotrkowski's column was judged best of 32 entries in the category.

Second place in the category went to NCPA President Sam Ragan, publisher-editor of The Pilot, Southern Pines, and third place to Cal Carpenter, Transylvania Times, Brevard.

This is the second writing award Mrs.

Piotrkowski has earned for the paper since she joined the staff as a reporter-photographer in September 1972. She was promoted to associate editor in June 1973.

An article written by her in December 1972 titled "Money Comes Home To Roost As Revenue Sharing Nest Egg Arrives" received an award in the news, non - daily category, of the North Carolina Press Women's Association 1972 contest. That category was judged by Dale Allen, Philadelphia Enquirer editor.

In the 12 years since 1961 when Peter B. Young, N.J. editor, won NCPA first place in features and Sam C. Morris, general manager, won best advertising, the newspaper's staff members have won seven NCPA awards.

Young's winning feature story on State Highway Patrolman, now district court judge, Joseph E. Dupree went on to take first place in the National Press Association contest.

Last year an article by former reporter Elaine Symanski won second place in investigative reporting category. In 1967 staff members were awarded second best spot news story and third place feature photo awards. In 1966, best feature photo; 1963 and 1964, photography; and 1962 third in editorials.

Hoke Has Crisis Plan

Hoke County now has a plan to provide shelter for its citizens in case the energy crisis should become severe. The plan can also be implemented in case of a natural disaster such as an ice storm or hurricane which might be accompanied by the loss of electrical power.

Although the present shortage is forecast for fuel, kerosene and gasoline, the shortage of these fuels could cause greater reliance on electricity and possibly overload the supply of electricity. William Niven, Hoke County civil preparedness coordinator, said it is unlikely the plan would be used unless cold weather accompanied the energy crisis. He said when the plan is in effect, people will be advised to stay with a relative or friend who has electrical power and heat if possible.

The plan would open shelters at Upchurch Junior High, McLaughlin Elementary School, and Hoke High School on the order of the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, as required. The shelters would be managed by the American National Red Cross.

The school cafeterias would be used to prepare soup and sandwich type meals. All persons on special diets,

including baby formulas, should take required foods to the shelter. The Red Cross would be requested to provide food, food preparation and feeding with the help of local home economic groups and volunteer personnel.

Persons in the shelters would be assigned to specific sleeping rooms by categories, families, medical ward, bachelor males, and bachelor females. Every one would be required to provide bedding under the plan. The schools would provide a limited number of cots for the elderly, sick, young and travelers.

Emergency power for essential use only would be provided for each shelter by state or federal resources. The county electrical inspector would be responsible to connect and maintain the emergency power source.

The Department of Social Services would register and assign rooms to persons reporting to the shelters as well as handle all inquiries about individuals in the shelters.

Persons unable to provide their own transportation to the shelter would contact Joe D. Soles, 875-4211 or 875-2117, the county school transportation officer.

Funding for the shelters food, fuel and medical services will come from the Red Cross or the general fund with the approval of the chairman of the county board of commissioners or his representative.

Medical and health personnel would be assigned to each shelter by the county health director. If medical problems arise that are beyond the capability of the medical center and local or state resources are unavailable, the commanding officer of Womack Army Hospital, Ft. Bragg, would be requested to provide assistance. Persons requiring special medication would be required to take their own medicines to

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Filing Deadline Is Month Away

FAA Denies Land Use

In a letter to City Manager John Gaddy, the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) has turned down a request that the city permanently lease a 1.04 acre plot of city airport land to Paul Rose for use as a base for a flight instruction operation.

Gaddy said the request was denied because the land, which is under a temporary lease to Rose by the city, is indicated for future airport expansion as a T-hangar building site. "So, the lease must be one that can be cancelled immediately upon the need for expansion," said Gaddy.

No decision has been made by the city whether or not to renew Rose's temporary lease.



G. Raz Autry

Autry Fills School Post

G. Raz Autry, Hoke High School principal for the past seven years, was named by the board of education last week to succeed School Superintendent D.D. Abernethy who leaves that position February 10. Frank H. Richards was named acting principal of the high school.

Autry has served as principal in several schools for the past 20 years including Union School, grades one through 12 in Gaston, and Montgomery County High School in Montgomery County.

Autry says, "Young people have the right to expect and parents have the right to demand the very best education for their children that a community can offer."

"This education has to be administered by competent people," he adds, "Citizens of Hoke County appear willing to pay for a good education for their children and have shown this in the support they have given the schools."

Autry points out Hoke High School is one of the largest in the state and great care will be used in selection of a new principal. He says Hoke is considered a good system and this will tend to draw competent educators. He has already received five inquiries about the principalship from outside Hoke County.

Autry, a Dunn native, holds B.S. and See AUTRY, Page 15

Forum Studies Family Role

The third in a series of seven Hoke Community Forum sessions will be at the Gibson Cafeteria Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be "The Role of the Family in Contemporary Society". Guest speaker for the evening will be Donald D. Moore, a marriage counselor and professor at Southeastern Theological Seminary.

Moore, a Thomasville native, received his B. S. degree from Davidson College in 1956, and a B. D. degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1959. He earned an M. A. degree at Appalachian State University and a Ph. D. from the University of North Carolina.

He served at the Temple Baptist Mission, Gastonia, and at the Park Place Baptist Church, Thomasville. He was director of counseling and an instructor in psychology at Gardner-Webb College from 1962-64, and the director of counseling and professor of pastoral

If the General Assembly does not change the primary election date from May 7, filing deadline for political offices will be noon February 25.

Positions to be filled in Hoke County are three seats on board of county commissioners, all five seats on board of education, sheriff and clerk of court. Hoke Countians will also be voting for three state representatives, a state senator and judges.

Seats currently held by T.C. Jones, chairman, county commissioners, and Commissioners John Balfour and Ralph W. Barnhart will be filled in this year's election.

Seats held by current board of education members D.R. Huff Jr., chairman; Robert L. (Bobby) Gibson, W.L. (Bill) Howell Jr., Riley M. Jordan and A. Wilton Wood Jr., will all be on the ballot this election year to begin a staggered term plan passed by the 1973 General Assembly.

Seats held by Sen. Luther J. Britt Jr. and Representatives Gus Speros, Joy J. Johnson and Henry Ward Oxendine all of Robeson County, will also be filled again this year. Oxendine, who was appointed to fill seat vacated by death of the late Frank W. White, has not run for representative before.

Among judgeships to be filled by voters in the 12th judicial district this year are the ones held by Superior Court Judge Coy E. Brewer and District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree of Raeford.

wish to vote in the primary election is April 8. Deadline for primary election absentee ballot requests is May 1.

Club Marks Golden Year

The Raeford Kiwanis Club will celebrate its golden anniversary and ladies night at Southern Pines Country Club at 7 p.m. today. The event will feature a surprise program called "Not So Long Ago."

Included in awards to be presented at the anniversary celebration are Kiwanis citizenship, best program and attendance awards.

Kiwanis is the only civic club to survive uninterrupted for 50 years in Raeford. The original Kiwanis charter night was Feb. 22, 1924 when Raeford had a population of 900.

The club was formed by representatives of 66 businesses of Raeford and Hoke County. Three of the charter members R.B. Lewis, G.B. Rowland and Dr. K.B. Geddie are still alive.

Included in the list of charter members are names of men who were leaders of the community and whose descendants are prominent people in the community today.

There was state Sen. Ryan McBryde, father of T.F. McBryde, vice chairman of the board of county commissioners; W.M. McFadyen, father of former state Rep. Neil McFadyen; P.P. McCain, head of the N.C. Sanatorium which was named in his honor after his death.

Other charter members were state Rep. L. McEachern, the late husband of Ruth McEachern, Hoke County Bicentennial Committee chairman; E.B. McNeill, father of J.L. McNeill, chairman of board of directors of Bank of Raeford; state Sen. J. Benton Thomas, father of J.B. McLeod, city councilman; and J.C. Thomas, grandfather of another city councilman Crawford L. Thomas Jr., T.B. Upchurch, father of Tommie and

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