

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The weather has turned cold again with the temperatures in the twenties Tuesday morning. If it would stay cold for a few days maybe people could adjust to it. As reported in last week's paper, absenteeism at all schools is very high.

Another thing brought to my attention this week is that, have you ever seen as many thunderstorms in the wintertime? I can't recall how many were in January but as of the 5th of February two thunderstorms have occurred in this month.

As I heard someone say: "Fellows stay out of space and off the moon and let the weather settle down."

The following tale comes from the early morning coffee table at The Family Restaurant.

Last Sunday afternoon a member of this group was playing golf with his friends and enjoying himself very much.

But it was a little different on Monday morning when he got in his car to visit the coffee table and then head out of town to do a day's work.

It seems that someone had run out of gas in front of his house Sunday while he was playing golf and his wife had let them siphon gas from her husband's car so that the traveler could get back home. Now this is really the story of a good Samaritan. I don't know the reaction of the husband or wife but the story ended all right as he waited in town until he could find gas to go to work.

The gas shortage last weekend should begin to make people realize that something is wrong or that a shortage does exist. Most folks you talk to about gas haven't been convinced that it is short. They seem to think that oil companies are just trying to get the prices up like the meat companies did several months ago.

One proof of this is when the president first asked drivers to slow down, they did so. There were less traffic fatalities and troopers were giving out less speeding tickets.

According to reports speeding tickets are on the increase and running about normal. As far as deaths on the highways, five have died in Hoke County in less than a week.

Only time will tell what will happen.

Something that could really hurt this country fast is the stoppage by the truckers. Food and supplies are needed daily in most businesses. Now this is not just in large cities but so many businesses look to truckers for supplies almost every day. I just hope that something can be worked out before more people get hurt in this stoppage.

I would appreciate if all businesses and industrial plants who have not turned in United Fund money, would do so as soon as possible. If you would call 875-2121, someone will be by in a day or so to pick up the envelopes. If you haven't made a pledge do so today.

Fifth Forum Slated On 'Community Growth'

The fifth Hoke Forum session is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Raeford Elementary School and will deal with community growth. Dr. Leigh Hammond, assistant vice-chancellor for extension and public services, North Carolina State University (NCSU), and William G. Roberts, assistant director of Urban Affairs and Community Services Center, and visiting associate professor of environmental design at NCSU, Raleigh, will be guest speakers.

Moderator for the evening will be Harold Gillis, Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce manager. The local panel will consist of Leonard Frahm, vice president and general manager of Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc.; Mrs. R. E. Neely, member of the Library Board and the County Health Board; Dick Lovett, personnel manager, Knit-A-Way, Inc.; and Jack Bradford, Raeford Worsted Plant manager.

Hammond, a South Carolina native, received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University, his masters degree from the University of Tennessee, and his Ph.D. from N.C.S.U. in 1961.

He was appointed to his present position a year ago. In 1969, Hammond was appointed by Gov. Robert Scott to the position of N. C. director of the Coastal Plains Regional Commission.

R. Barnhart Runs Again

County Commissioner Ralph Barnhart filed Monday to run for his third term on the Hoke County board. He is the first of three incumbents on the board to file.

Barnhart who says he is "retired from textiles and farms a little," is originally from Greensboro. He attended N.C. State University and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He reports, "I gave this a lot of thought and decided to try for one more term."

Positions held by him while serving on the board of county commissioners include chairman of the county fire committee and county board representative to Region N Council of Governments.

The Presbyterian Church elder is married to the former Betty Saunders of Southern Pines. They have one child, Elizabeth.



James A. Hunt

Hunt Tosses Hat In Ring

Another candidate tossed his hat in the ring last week in a bid for one of three seats on the board of county commissioners to be filled in the 1974 elections.

James Albert Hunt, a 32-year-old Hoke County native, filed with the board of elections Monday morning.

Hunt, a resident of the South Hoke Community, said, "I've been a business man in Hoke County for 13 years and feel I know some of the problems existing in the county. I favor improving all county roads, including U.S. 401, which is a death trap in Hoke County. I want this road widened into a four-lane highway."

The owner of a trucking company and grocery store stressed a need for "better working conditions for personnel in the Sheriff's Department—they deserve increased salaries. We need more deputies which will result in shorter hours for these men."

Hunt said he supports an effective county-wide recreation program and improved fire protection throughout the county.

Hunt is married to the former Maggie Oxendine, a Robeson County native. They have three children, Sam, 3, Jauceline, 5, and Bobbie Jane, 3.

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Dr. Leigh Hammond

and was named deputy secretary of N.C. Department of Administration in 1970.

In that position he had administrative jurisdiction over intergovernmental programs such as Appalachian Regional Commission, Coastal Plain Regional Commission, Office of State-Federal Relations, Marine Science Council, Manpower Development and

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THREE KILLED—Gary Alvin McGregor, 23, Rt. 3, driver and lone occupant of the above car, was among three persons killed in a two-car accident at 10 p.m. Monday ten miles north of Raeford on U.S. 401. Also killed was a Fayetteville couple, John Gaynos, 52, and his wife, Ruth Altizer Gaynos, 47. Three passengers in the Gaynos car were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital for treatment. See related story. (N-J Photo).

Accidents Claim Five

Five persons have lost their lives in traffic accidents on U.S. 401 North in Hoke County in the past week.

The most recent deaths occurred when three were killed in a head-on collision ten miles north of Raeford at 10 p.m. Monday night.

Dead are Gary Alvin McGregor, 23, Rt. 3, and a Fayetteville couple, John Robert Gaynos, 52, and his wife Ruth Altizer Gaynos, 47, of Fayetteville. Three passengers in the Gaynos car were injured. Raymond Williams, 50, his wife, Vernell, 47, neighbors of the Gaynos, and Lawrence Altizer, 54, Yukon, W. Va., brother of Mrs. Gaynos, were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital where they were listed in satisfactory condition Wednesday.

Investigating State Trooper Kenneth Weston said the Gaynos were returning to Fayetteville from Moore County after making funeral arrangements for Mrs. Gaynos' and Altizer's sister. Trooper Weston said the McGregor car apparently crossed the center line and collided with the Gaynos car. McGregor was alone in his car.

Hoke County Medical Examiner Dr. Robert Townsend pronounced Mr. and Mrs. Gaynos and McGregor dead at the scene.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad used a new rescue tool to free victims from the wrecked cars. Buie's Funeral Home ambulance took the injured to Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Trooper Weston

was assisted by Sgt. Minchew and Sgt. Lemonds of the State Highway Patrol. Traffic at the scene was reportedly blocked for an hour.

Services for Gary Alvin McGregor will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at the Silver Grove Missionary Baptist Church by the Rev. John L. Krider. Burial will be in the Silver Grove Cemetery.

The family will be at Buie Funeral Home Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Services for John Robert and Ruth Altizer Gaynos will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at the Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home Chapel, Fayetteville, by the Rev. Leighton McKeithen, Jr. Burial will be in LaFayette Park Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Steven Eugene Gaynos; a daughter, Sharon Kay Gaynos of Fayetteville; Mr. Gaynos' three sisters, Kathryn Gaynos Russell of Conway, Ark., and Mary Bell Redenbaugh and Sarah Dale Meeks of Fayetteville; and Mrs. Gaynos' brother, Lawrence A. Altizer, Yukon, W. Va.

Tuesday, a Rock Hill, S. C., man, Robert White, 35 was killed when a truck reportedly jackknifed on the rain-slick highway and hit his car while stopped at a stop sign across from Virgil's Drive-In.

Thursday, a 38 year-old Raeford man, Robert Junior Lisenby, Rt. 2, was killed in a head-on collision in front of the Big Star Truck Stop.

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Judge Smith: Dupree's Judgment Is Proper

In superior court last Thursday after District Attorney Jack A. Thompson misread a warrant, the defendant pleaded guilty to the misread charge and Superior Court Judge Donald L. Smith said a district court judge had erred in earlier sentencing in the case.

Friday when details of the incident were brought to his attention Judge Smith corrected his earlier statement by saying the "sentence given by the lower court judge (District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree) was a proper one."

The warrant in the case charges that on October 27, 1973 Terry Wayne Caulder of the Raeford Hotel, "did unlawfully, wilfully and maliciously damage a coin operated vending machine...owned by Hugh Gardner, 107 Campus Ave." The warrant further charges the offense was committed "in violation of general statute 14-56.2"

Maximum sentence for violating this law is 24 months in prison. In November 1973 Judge Dupree sentenced Caulder to 12 months in prison after conviction on the damage to coin operated vending machine charge. Caulder appealed to the superior court.

Last Thursday Thompson read in court "Your honor this is case number 73-CR-2966, State versus Terry Caulder charged on 27 October '73 with malicious damage to personal property in violation of (general statute) 14-56.2" Maximum sentence for conviction of damage to personal property (less than \$200) a violation of general statute 14-160 is six months in prison.

Defense Attorney Philip A. Diehl and the district attorney agreed damage in the incident was under \$50. Judge Smith was advised the defendant had received a 12-month sentence in district court when he appeared without an attorney. Smith said, "You can't get 12 months (for this crime) if the damage is under \$200."

Judge Dupree said we are talking about two different statutes. "I convicted him as charged in the warrant and gave a proper sentence."

Friday when advised of the charge on

the warrant and the fact the warrant had not been amended to show the new charge Judge Smith said, in superior court "he (Caulder) pleaded guilty to malicious damage to personal property"

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David R. Parnell

Parnell Files For House

David R. Parnell, Democrat of Parkton, filed Monday as a candidate of the N.C. House of Representatives from the 21st District, Robeson, Scotland and Hoke Counties.

Parnell is a former state highway commissioner, former Parkton mayor and presently serves on the Parkton town board. Parnell is a business man and farmer. The Parkton native and his wife have three children.

He is a member and former chairman of the Robeson Industrial Commission, a deacon and past chairman of the Parkton Baptist Church where he is a Sunday School teacher and member of the Robeson Baptist Association executive board.

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Council Adopts Plan For Airport

Oxendine Visit Set Saturday

State Rep. Henry W. Oxendine announced Wednesday morning he will be at the Hoke County Courthouse to visit with Hoke County voters Saturday at 3 p.m.



Earl A. Budd

Earl A. Budd Takes Reins

Earl A. Budd Monday assumed duties as Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc. president and chief executive officer.

"We are going to double our plant capacity in order to do a more effective job of marketing the increased volume of turkeys being produced by growers in our part of the county," said Leonard G. Frahm, vice president and general manager, "and Mr. Budd will lead us in our new period of growth."

Tuesday the new president said, "The only changes I anticipate at the Raeford Turkey Farms are those stemming from the expansion program." It is expected the expansion and attendant changes will increase the need for technically trained employees.

Budd, a native Kansan, has been an executive with Rockingham Poultry Marketing Cooperative, Broadway, Va. for 20 years. The University of Kansas graduate was employed by Louis L. Libby Foods before joining the poultry cooperative.

He is a past president of the Virginia Poultry Federation and Virginia Processors Association. He headed the committee which planned the Virginia Federation's headquarters—the Agri-Industries Center near Harrisonburg, Va.

He was instrumental in establishing a Virginia Poultry Industry Laboratory

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Commissioners Vote On Law Enforcement Matters

Referring to a recent News-Journal editorial concerning grand jury reports and inadequate telephone service at the jail, Hoke County Sheriff D.M. Barrington told county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday, "Any similarity between what Mr. Lester (county manager) and I said and what appeared in the paper was purely coincidental."

Earlier in the meeting commissioners had approved paying an extra \$30.35 a month for an additional telephone line to be installed in the jail and Sheriff's Department.

In other law enforcement related action commissioners had approved paying former Deputy Sheriff James A. Lamont who resigned effective February 1 an extra two weeks pay to compensate him for overtime worked during his five and a half months with the county force. This will be in addition to two weeks vacation pay which Lamont is entitled to, said Barrington.

Lamont joined the Sheriff's Department in mid August last year at an annual salary of \$6,800. In December commissioners approved increasing his salary to \$7,600. Based on these figures his vacation and additional two weeks pay will total about \$633.

Barrington also sought and received approval of proposed salary for

The City Council voted unanimously Monday night to adopt recommendations in connection with the operation of the Raeford Airport made by the Raeford Airport Commission.

City Fathers took the action after being advised by Tom Cameron, Airport Commission member and a pilot for over 30 years, "We are running a very dangerous operation out there...If it (the city airport) can't be operated safely and in accordance with Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) regulations, then we (airport commissioners) don't want any part of it."

The recommendations came in the wake of complaints on the airport's operation under Gene Thacker, acting airport manager and airport businessman. The complaints were received by the Airport Commission and individually by nearly all city councilmen within the past three months.

Although Cameron was not specific on where the complaints were coming from, he said he had talked with a combination of people who use the airport, local and out of town licensed pilots, and student pilots now training under Paul Rose, who runs a flight instruction operation from a plot of airport land temporarily leased from the city.

From his own experience as a pilot, Cameron said, "I do not personally feel we are serving the public first out there. We are serving the public second. Out there nobody could care whether you land your plane or not. They want you to stay away because you're in the way. Nobody tells you where to park your plane or anything...and that's the way it is out there."

Councilman Sam C. Morris said the lease held by Thacker if adhered to, would eliminate most of the complaints and contained "95 percent of your recommendations. What we need," said Morris, "is the correct management to uphold the lease. Management of the airport shouldn't have a conflict of interest."

After Councilman Robert W. Weaver said he thought the council should be aware of some of the specific complaints they were dealing with, Cameron said, "for example, all airports have flight patterns for returning to and taking off from the field. At the airport, Rose's students are taught to strictly obey the flight patterns. Thacker won't use them because he says they use too much gas." Thacker operates a sport parachute jumping operation, the airport's petroleum products sales operation and base operations for the airport.

The commission's report stated that due to the increased size of and activity at the airport, additional operational procedures should be adopted and implemented and a definite statement of policy be made. In view of objectives to see the airport is operated safely and efficiently under FAA regulations and that it serves the public and general aviation in the best manner, the following recommendations were made:

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Lamont's replacement; \$7,600 for an experienced law enforcement officer or \$6,400 for an inexperienced replacement.

The sheriff reported the Pinehurst Police Department pays officers \$3.90 an hour with time and a half for overtime, offers a five-day work week and pays for cleaning uniforms. "We are going to have to meet the standards of other departments or I can't keep men," stressed Barrington.

Also in the law enforcement field commissioners approved paying half of a \$1,543 cost overrun for high band frequency radio equipment. Total cost of the equipment including a 200 foot tower is more than \$26,000 with Hoke County's share \$6,543. Equipment was obtained through the Lumber River Criminal Justice Planning Region. Commissioners hope City of Raeford will agree to pay remaining half of the cost overrun.

Sheriff Barrington also submitted his department's annual report which listed two homicides in Hoke County during 1973; 243 break-ins and larcenies with 82 solved and stolen property valued at \$8,620 recovered.

The report also listed 3,813 papers served and processed, 143,000 miles traveled and 721 hours spent in court.

Other reports submitted included See COMMISSIONERS, Page 13