

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

It seems from all indications that young Robert Wingate, a grade school student, is ready for work to start on the Hoke County Library.

Robert asked Louise McDiarmid last week, "What happened to the new library?" It seems young Robert collected bottles for the library fund drive all last summer and every day or so he'd stop by with a few bottles to donate.

Rome wasn't built in a day or neither will the library building, but with this kind of help it will be built.

Sheriff's Office Gets New Line

A second phone line has been installed at the Hoke County Sheriff's office. Sheriff D. M. Barrington said the new line would be used primarily for outgoing calls, but that if the listed number, 875-2844, was busy, persons calling the Sheriff's Department could dial the new number, 875-5111.

Correction

I received the following letter last week:

"Dear Sam:
"Even though the Raeford Kiwanis Club has completed its celebration of its first fifty years, we have many fond memories of the past and among these are our association with The News-Journal. As we have looked back, as we have had the occasion to do in recent weeks, we are impressed with the contribution made to our community by The News-Journal and its Staff.

"At a recent Kiwanis meeting, Robert Gatlin was reporting on the many ways that you and The News-Journal Staff had been of assistance to our club in recent weeks. As we seek to make our community a better place, we salute The News-Journal for assisting us in our efforts."

Sincerely
Graham A. Pope
President, Kiwanis Club

The Staff of The News-Journal appreciates this fine letter but when you look from the other side the Kiwanis Club has done so much for the people of Raeford and Hoke County in the past 50 years. The number of projects that have been accomplished by the fine civic organization is too numerous to mention.

Once again thanks for taking time to say thank you.

Every weekend brings the gas shortage home to more people. The long lines at all stations Saturday showed that people didn't know when they would get any gas.

I made a trip to Louisburg Sunday and only one gas station was pumping gas during the 300 mile trip. Traffic was 50 to 60 percent down and speeds were under 55 MPH. If things keep going every weekend like the last two or three, the best place to be Sunday is at home. Of course, the best place to be is at the church of your choice.

The following was contributed by the Education Department of the Raeford Woman's Club:

"On Friday, February 22, the school children will be given an opportunity to help build a library by donating money for the bricks. A brick will cost approximately ten cents. Activities are planned for the different schools. We ask parents to remind their children to bring their dimes and dollars to school that day. A permanent list will be kept in the library with the names of all children who contributed to the "Dimes for Bricks" project. This is being sponsored by the Education Dept. of the R.W.C. in celebration of our Bi-Centennial."

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Speros Filed

Representative Gus Speros, Democrat, 21st District of Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties, filed today for re-election to one of the seats in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Speros is now serving his third term in the House and is chairman of the Conservation and Development Committee of the House.

He is the third incumbent and fourth candidate to announce his candidacy for one of the three seats from the district. Incumbents Rep. Joy Johnson, Democrat from Fairmont, and Rep. Henry W. Oxendine, Democrat from Pembroke, filed earlier, as did David R. Parnell, Democrat of Parkton.

Balfour Files

John Balfour became the second incumbent county commissioner to file for reelection. Balfour who was originally appointed commissioner by the Democratic Party Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Herman Gillis, is seeking his third four-year term in office.

The Hoke County farmer was recognized last year with a first place award for producing the highest quality cotton in the state.

He is a member of the Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department board of directors.

He is past chairman of Southern National Bank board of directors and is director of Production Credit Association where he served as associate director for a number of years.

In 1966 Balfour was chosen to enter the outstanding young man of America Biography. The Hoke High School graduate attended Presbyterian Junior College and High Point College.

The deacon of the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church is married to the former Joan Harlow of New Bern and they have one child, John Jr., 15.



LONG LINES-Waiting seems to be the only thing to do these days as deadlines approach for car tag buyers. About 35 people waited in a winding line at the License Plate Office Tuesday morning to buy state tags before the Friday midnight deadline. Frances Greene, Vehicle Registration branch manager said she sold approximately 600 to 700 car tags Tuesday and estimated her overall sales this year at 13,000 to 14,000.

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Hinkley received his B.S. degree in geography at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., in 1959. Since then he has attended the Masters Program in urban geography at the University of Minneapolis, Minn.; received certificates in city and county management from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and in management development programs from the Office of State Personnel, N.C. Department of Administration.

He has worked as a planner for the central area office, and director of the coastal area office, Division of Conservation and Development; model cities coordinator for the state planning task force, N.C. Department of Administration; and assistant state planning officer for natural resources, Office of State Planning.

The 40-year-old native of Reading, Penn., is a member of the American Institute of Planners and president of the N.C. chapter. He is a member of the American Society of planning officials.

Hinkley was awarded the distinguished service award from the Washington Jaycees, and the community service award by the Washington City Council. He was named one of the five outstanding young men of North Carolina for 1968, by the N.C. Jaycees and the N.C. National Bank.

Dr. Leininger received his B.A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and his B.D. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as associate pastor in Oklahoma and pastor in Kentucky while teaching at Kentucky State University



James R. Hinkley



Dr. C. Earl Leininger

and Catherine Spalding College, Louisville, Ky.; before going to Mars Hill College in 1968.

He teaches philosophy courses and basic religion at Mars Hill and participates in the interdisciplinary human society program.

Dr. Leininger has served on standing and ad hoc committees including chairing the college's self-study program in 1969. He is chairman of the committee on values, served on the college appeals board, and is advisor to student organization including the student senate and student government.

Stations Try Many Plans

No Official Action Taken

With the gasoline shortage becoming a daily fact of life for area motorists, local service station owners are trying a variety of unofficial rationing programs. No official action has been taken by state or local governments to make any of the systems mandatory.

When gasoline is available most retailers limit hours they pump gas and many also set a maximum sale limit of \$2 or \$3 (see chart). The situation was most evident Saturday when motorists lined up at local stations to buy gas to tide them over until Monday because most area stations are closed on Sunday.

Cars waiting for gas at Hugh's Texaco and Alignment, Campus Avenue and

Main Street, were backed up to Magnolia Street. Those waiting to be served at Conoly's Exxon, East Central Avenue, formed a line down Racket Alley which stretched to Edinborough Avenue. Similar conditions existed at other stations, if they had gas.

Hugh Gardner, owner of Hugh's Texaco, implemented a modified Oregon rationing program Monday. He pumps gas on even numbered days of the month into cars bearing even numbered license plates and on odd numbered days to those having odd numbered license plates.

He maintains a maximum sale limit of \$2 for compact cars and \$3 for full-sized vehicles.

He reports being able to keep pumps open longer and says this plan has kept long lines from forming at his station. He said only one driver seemed upset when told she could not buy gas until the next day.

Last week Hugh tried selling gas with a \$2 minimum and \$3 maximum limit, but he reports, "This didn't work."

The problem with setting a minimum sale limit is how to enforce it. What does a station owner with a minimum sale limit do when he has already

Eight Homeless; 1 Hospitalized

Two recent fires in Hoke County have rendered a family of eight homeless and one man in Highsmith Rainey Hospital suffering from burns.

Hillcrest Fire Department answered a call to the Raywell Parker residence on Country Club Road connecting Fayetteville Road and Rockfish Road at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Chief W.E. McNeil said the blaze had engulfed the house before firemen arrived and termed it a total loss. Mr. and Mrs. Parker, their five children and Mrs. Parker's mother, Flemita Grace, residents of the dwelling were reportedly awakened by a neighbor and escaped from the house before firemen arrived.

McNeil said the cause of the fire had not been determined.

German Harp, 219 S. Stewart St. was burned in a propane gas explosion at his residence at 5:45 p.m. Sunday. Raeford Fire Department Chief Crawford Thomas said the explosion occurred when Harp lit a match because a gas stove had been disconnected earlier but the gas was still on.

Thomas said there was little fire damage to the house owned by Agnes Mae Johnson but that some windows were blown out, the ceiling in one room was split, and parts of the outside walls were blown as far as six inches off the foundation.

Harp was taken to Highsmith Rainey Hospital by Morrison Ambulance service where he was termed in fair condition Wednesday. No estimate of damages was available.

Store Robbed

An undetermined amount of cash was taken from the Little Giant Food Mart, 523 Harris Ave., in an armed robbery at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Police were called to the scene by James McGregor, an employee of the store, who said he had been robbed at gun point by two men.

McGregor said one of the men took bills from the cash drawer. The pair reportedly fled on foot in different directions after the robbery.

Police are investigating the incident.

Federal energy chief William E. Simon Tuesday prohibited service stations from discriminating against buyers by selling gasoline only to regular customers. A station owner convicted of criminal violation of this regulation could be fined up to \$5,000 with lesser penalties for civil violations, reports the Federal Energy Office.

pumped gas into a tank and the amount is less than the minimum sale? Some attendants feel they should charge the minimum sale price.

Charles Little, Internal Revenue Service petroleum coordinator in Greensboro, says such practices are illegal. "If a customer does not get \$3 worth of gasoline but must pay \$3, this amounts to selling at an excessive price and is a violation of price regulations."

"Also illegal," says Little, "are tie-in agreements where a customer must buy groceries, oil changes, grease jobs or so forth in order to purchase gasoline. Another illegal practice is charging customers for a service that was previously free-air, water and window washing are a few examples."

One difficulty with modified Oregon rationing plans stems from Sunday closing of gasoline stations. For example, cars with odd numbered license plates would not be able to purchase gasoline this Saturday, Sunday or Monday. The following weekend the same situation would confront cars with even numbered tags.

The original plan, as implemented in the state of Oregon, allows gasoline to be sold to all cars on Saturday to

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Mabel Riley Sparks Bids

With Monday's primary election filing deadline fast approaching, the democratic process purred along at a quickened pace this week sparked by Mrs. Kermit (Mabel) Riley's bid for one of three county commissioners' seats to be filled in the 1974 elections.

This is the female auto mechanic's second start for a position on the county's governing body. With two seats open in the 1972 primary election, she polled third highest votes in a field of seven candidates.

Mrs. Riley, mother of four grown boys, says, "I want no discrimination based on sex or race in hiring and pay policies for county employees."

The Hoke County native stresses, "I think people in outlying areas need the same quality protection as those in town. We need more and better paid

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MABEL RILEY

Deadline nears

Chief of Police Leonard Wiggins announced that checks will be set up at different points in Raeford Monday to check for compliance with the city car tag requirement for city residents.

Deadline for purchasing the city tags without a penalty is midnight Friday. The tags may be purchased for \$1 at the City Water Department. Only city residents are required to display the tags on their cars.

The penalty for not displaying a city tag is \$5 plus the cost of a tag.

Gas Station	WEEKDAYS			limit	SATURDAYS		
	services a.m.-p.m.	pumps a.m.	pumps p.m.		services a.m.-p.m.	pumps a.m.	pumps p.m.
Averitt's Pure Oil	7-8:30	7-out		\$2	7-7	7-out	
Clark's Gulf	7:30-5:30	7:30-out	3:30-out	\$2	7:30-5:30	7:30-out	3:30-out
Conoly's Exxon	7-6	7:30-out	3-out	\$3	7-6	7:30-out	3-out
Danny's Oil Co.	8-6	sales times vary		none	8-6	sales times vary	
Graham Service	7-5:30	7-9/out	4-5:30/out	\$2	7-5:30	7-9/out	4-5:30/out
Hugh's Texaco	8-6	8-out (ration plan)		\$2/\$3	8-6	8-out (ration plan)	
Irion's	8-5	8-5 p.m.		none	closed	closed	closed
Locklear Sunoco	8-6	when gas available			8-6	when gas available	
Parks' Texaco	7-9	7-8	3-5	\$3	7-9	7-8	3-5
Travelers' Service	7-3/4	7-out		none	7-3/4	7-out	
Crumpler's Handy Mart	7:30-11	7:30-out		none	7:30-11	7:30-out	
Pete's Exxon	8:30-6 Fri. 8:30-8	none	5-6	\$2	8:30-8	none	5-6

GASOLINE SALES SCHEDULE-Local stations, when they have gasoline, are selling according to the above schedule. Averitt's ran out last Friday. Graham Service, 103 S. Main St. will close February 17 through 21 for vacation. Hugh's Texaco is using a modified Oregon rationing plan (see story). Irion's was out

Tuesday but expecting a gasoline delivery "anytime." Travelers' daily allocation usually sells out in about 90 minutes each morning. Crumpler's Handy Mart was out Tuesday and had been for two days.