

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The primary election is only two weeks away and the candidates are out shaking hands and passing out cards to voters at a fast clip. I haven't seen any of the major candidates, like the ones running for the Senate, in the county, but the district candidates have been around in large numbers.

I haven't heard much talk about any of the races except the race for county commissioners. The ballot has ten names listed and everything was real quiet until the firemen had a meeting last week. Since that time, more and more people seem to have taken an interest in this race. I think that this is good for the voters, as many of them have had their eyes opened as to what is going on in the county, government. Most of the time all of us sit back and let things run without ever putting any thought into what is happening. I understand the firemen were meeting again Monday night, so maybe other things will be before us before election day.

I care not who you vote for, but if you don't vote, don't complain about the way the country, state or county is being governed.

Last Saturday afternoon I was playing golf at Arabia Golf Course in a foursome composed of Tom McBryde, Frank Teal, Harvey Warlick and myself. Harvey and I were playing McBryde and Teal. On the 15th hole I hit my tee shot and hit a water pipe on the end of the tee which is used to water the tees and greens in that area. When Harvey started to hit his tee, McBryde told him to hit the water pipe like his partner. He missed the water pipe, but a flock of birds came flying over the course as his ball started down the fairway, and the ball hit one of the birds and killed it.

Of course, McBryde or Teal would not give Harvey a birdie on this shot. If you have a doubt about this story, see any of the other three of the foursome.

The gas situation seems to be back to normal at most stations in the county. Of course, the price is up compared to a year ago, and I suspect if the government had stayed out of the problem the situation would never have gotten like it was in February.

Just like meat, when the price is right, you can find about anything you want.

The weather is real nice with the days being warm, but warm nights are needed for crops to burst forth from the ground. From all indications, most farmers are planting cotton or have finished.



NEW PRINCIPAL - Allen Edwards, chosen to head Hoke High School next year, was in Raeford Monday and met educators and the press. The Goldsboro native comes to Hoke High School from a three-year principalship at Benvenue Middle School at Rocky Mount. (N-J Photo)

Hoke Firemen Fuel Campaign; Group Endorses Candidates

Banquet Honors All Star Seniors

Ninety-three graduating Hoke High School Seniors were honored at the second annual senior all star banquet at Gibson Cafeteria April 11.

Awards were presented to five areas: vocational, business, band, chorus and chorale, and service. Teachers nominated students for the awards. The nominees were then screened by a committee which submitted recommendations for final selection.

Charlene Averitte, Queen Esther Hollingsworth, Kristi Frahm, Brenda Farrow, Beth Wood and Debbie Little were presented the super star award for contributions over and beyond the call of duty to the school. Super stars must receive four nominations from four different areas or clubs.

In the vocational area, the all star award went to Mitchel Walters. The textiles award was presented to Carolyn McKoy.

The Business all star award went to Barbara Ross with Distributive Education club awards presented to Shirley Poe and James Jones. The Industrial cooperative training award recipient was Debbie Little.

The band all star award went to Kristi

Frahm and choral all star awards were presented to Lester Southern, Julia Kicklighter and Beth Wood.

Evelyn Earnest was the recipient of the service all star award, with EKOH awards going to Queen Esther Hollingsworth and Evelyn Earnest; student in action for education awards were presented to Brenda Farrow and Kathy Newton; the pep club award was presented to Debbie Little, library club awards went to Debbie Little, Linda Davis, Herbert Turner, Benny Nash, Shirley Poe and Susie Carter. Photography Club awards were presented to Jerres A. Rowland, Earnest Sutton and Eddie Inman.

All-Star certificates of Merit for recognition of outstanding seniors for their contributions were presented to Donald Plummer, Bernice Bratcher, Annette Currie, Lydia Farmer, Eddie Inman, Julie Kicklighter, Swanda McCormick, Shirley Poe, Veronica Singletary, and Kathy Newton. Certificate of Merit winners received at least three nominations from three different areas or clubs.

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RWC Semi-Centennial Celebration Plans Aired

Members of the Raeford Woman's Club (RWC) will celebrate the club's fiftieth anniversary at a 7 p.m. banquet at the Southern Pines Country Club Tuesday.

All present RWC members, their guests, charter members, past presidents

Rose's Mobile Office Visits Hoke Friday

Congressman Charlie Rose's Seventh Congressional District Mobile Office, manned by Rip Collins, Congressman Rose's administrative assistant and representative in the district, will be parked near the Raeford Post Office, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday.

and members of the Chaminade Music Club and their guests will be welcome.

The program based on club history will be presented by RWC members.

Mrs. Crawford Thomas Jr., RWC president elect, has listed the 16 living charter club members. Eighty-one names were on the original charter. Listed are Mrs. Alan McGee, Mrs. J.W. Walker, Mrs. R. Murray, Mrs. J.K. McNeill Sr., Mrs. Hugh Lowe, Mrs. Doug McLeod, Mrs. A.K. Stevens and Mrs. J.M. Stackhouse.

Also Mrs. Clyde Upchurch Sr., Mrs. L.B. Brandon, Mrs. H.A. Cameron, Mrs. Kate B. Covington, Mrs. W.E. Freeman, Mrs. R.B. Lewis, Mrs. J.A. McGoogan, and Mrs. P.P. McCain.

High School Head Hired

Allen Edwards, a 28-year-old Goldsboro native, has been selected new Hoke High School principal. For the past three years he served as principal of Benvenue Middle School (7th and 8th grades).

The East Carolina alumnus said, "The school facilities in Hoke County are unequalled among rural school systems I have seen elsewhere in the state."

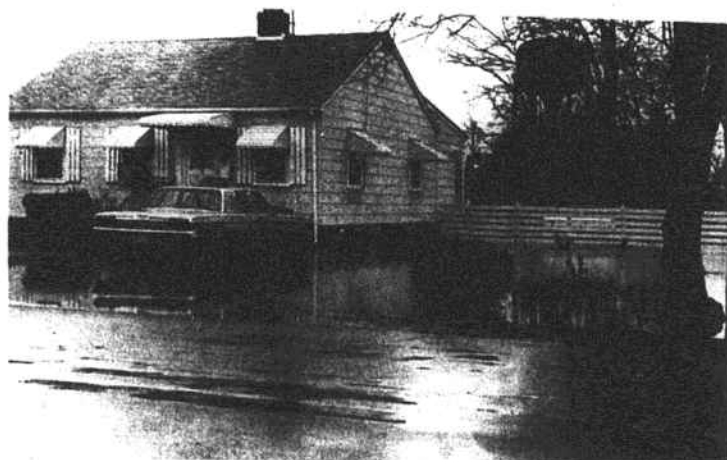
"I am impressed with the facilities and look forward to continuing programs developed up to this time. What changes do come will come slowly."

"I believe schools exist for the welfare of the students and I plan to involve students, faculty and others in developing a program for the 1974-75 year. All suggestions will be appreciated."

Edwards hold bachelors and masters degrees and a superintendent's certificate from ECU. He is a former high school physical education teacher and baseball and basketball coach. He served as assistant principal at Gamer High School and Northern Nash High School. He worked in adult education in Pitt and Nash Technical Institutes.

His honors include deans list, honor roll, "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges - 1967", 1971 State Student Council Congress representative of North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), twice delegate to NCAE and 1973 and 1974 speaker at national convention.

He was president of Phi Epsilon Kappa professional fraternity and See HIRED, Page 12



PUDDLE? - City residents living in the Harris Avenue-Dickson Street area are familiar with sights such as the one pictured above. This yard on W. Edinborough Avenue was flooded during rains in February, 1973. State maintained roads in the Dickson Street and Harris Avenue areas have no curbing and guttering to provide drainage for the area.

Gaddy Writes State For Highway Improvements

City manager John Gaddy has written a letter to the North Carolina State Highway Department concerning drainage problems along state maintained streets within Raeford city limits. The letter, the latest in a series of communications between the state and the city on the problem, follows an April 3 visit by State Highway Department Engineer William Rosser, who made an inspection of the area.

Gaddy said the original request for state help went in in September 1963, and again in 1966. The state has received an updated costs estimate on the problem recently as October, 1973, stating the project will now cost approximately \$59,000.

Gaddy explained his latest move: "Due to the many requests from residents living on state system streets in Raeford for some help in receiving deplorable situations caused by the State Highway Department's lack of constructive action after being requested by the City of Raeford to help in alleviating drainage and curbing problems, I have submitted the following letter to Mr. H.H. Jordan, our Division Engineer: Dear Mr. Jordan:

The City Council has requested that the Department of Transportation be advised of the necessity of drainage and curb and gutter on state system streets located within the city limits of the City of Raeford in Hoke County, N.C.

I realize that Hoke County and the City of Raeford was omitted from the Governor's Seven Year Highway Improvement Program list, but since some of the City's requests were initiated as early as 1965, I feel some consideration should be given to improvements in our area.

You are familiar with the drainage problem in the Harris Avenue - Dickson Street area. We have approximately 60 School bus trips on Dickson Street each day. The City of Raeford request the D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) to consider again the widening and curbing of Dickson Street between Highway 211 and 401 Business with the

Dedas Selected

Virgil A. Dedas, 807 E. Donaldson Ave., a University of Kentucky doctoral student in German, has been selected for a Fulbright-Hays scholarship to study at the University of Vienna, Austria, during the 1974-75 academic year.

The Raeford resident plans to study medieval German literature at Vienna. He is a teaching assistant in the UK Department of German Languages and Literatures.

Dedas earned his B. A. in foreign languages from Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and his M. A. in German from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

He will be accompanied to Austria by his wife, the former Margot Duesen, Pelham Manor, N. Y., a history graduate of Mount Holyoke College. Mrs. Dedas received her M. A. degree in American history from the University of North Carolina.

proper drainage included for the safety of our residents.

On 401 Business, between Highland Street and the House of Raeford Turkey Processing plant, we have numerous complaints from residents requesting something be done to alleviate the problem of water standing along the edge of the Highway. Also, the Turkey Plant is in the process of a \$550,000

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Man Jailed

A High Point man is being held in Hoke County jail without bond on charges of first degree burglary. Comney Walls, 31, is charged in connection with a 4:30 a.m. incident Sunday in which he allegedly pried the latch from a door and entered the home of Gennie Mae Morrison, Rt. 1, who reportedly woke and saw him standing near her bed.

Walls is scheduled to appear in District Court Friday.

Night Bike Clinic

Scheduled Monday

A bicycle safety clinic jointly sponsored by Woman's Club Education Department, Raeford Police Department and county 4-H, will be conducted 7:30 p.m. Monday at Hoke Civic Center for adults and children of Hoke County who attend private schools.



UK'ERS OFF TO AUSTRIA--Virgil Dedas, 807 E. Donaldson Ave., a doctoral student in German at the University of Kentucky, will spend the 1974-75 academic year at the University of Vienna, Austria, as a Fulbright-Hays scholar. His wife, Margot, knows German and will accompany him to Europe.

Temperature of the county commissioners race rose Monday evening as the Hoke County Firemen's Association stoked the campaign fires by publicly endorsing three of the ten Democratic candidates for the county board in the May 7 primary election.

With six of the eight county volunteer fire chiefs present and voting the secret ballot election ended with Mabel Riley as fist choice, Woody Wilson hot on her trail in second place and James Albert Hunt inching out Danny McCollum by one vote for third.

Before voting began platforms of the ten Democratic and one Republican candidates were discussed at Monday's meeting. The firemen discussed the platforms and other information gleaned earlier through conversations with each of the candidates and with men in the fire departments.

Grady Peeler, association president, said, "We have to approach this with an open mind. We are interested with the county as a whole not just with the fire departments. We are not opposed to the library receiving funds."

Peeler also reported talking to one of Congressman Charles Rose's administrative assistants in Rose's Fayetteville office and requesting an investigation into handling of revenue sharing funds in Hoke County.

Peeler said, "I strongly encourage every fireman and supporters of the rural fire departments to visit Rip Collins, Rose's traveling assistant, and talk to him about this problem at the post office parking lot Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m."

Julian Barnes, Rockfish chief, advised, "When we vote we all have to go along with the majority. If we don't keep an open mind we could tear up our association."

Peeler said, "We are not here to make enemies. Our prime concern is to save lives."

Mrs. Riley said Tuesday, "I appreciate all the firemen are doing for the county and appreciate their support. I think the firemen have a valid grievance. I've been for the fire departments all along and I know they need help. First things should come first. I know how much the county needs rural fire departments. I also feel we need more law enforcement help in the county."

Wilson said, "I am very pleased with the three candidates the association picked. I promise I'll support the departments as much as I can. I feel the county should be ready to help anyone or group who puts in time, effort, money and even risks their lives for the welfare of the community."

Hunt asserted, "I really appreciate the support of the Firemen's Association and I'll use my past experience in the community to support

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Sales Tax Collections

The March report from the State of North Carolina Dept. of Revenue listed the net collections in Hoke County for the local one percent sales and use tax as \$15,028.61.