

Local Teen-agers Spend \$2,720,000

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 NEW YORK, June 8 — Financially, Hoke County's teenagers have come into their own. They have wealth such as their parents never dreamed of at their age.
 As a result, they have blossomed into a consumer group to be reckoned with. With the unprecedented amount of money at their command, estimated at more than \$2,720,000 a year, they are being courted as never before by manufacturers and retail merchants

through frequent changes of fashions and styles.
 For the most part, it is found, what they have they spend — fast. The money doesn't get a chance to bore holes in their pockets.
 It goes for the whole gamut of personal items and leisure activities that are important to them — beauty aids, jewelry, pop records, radios, cars, clothes, snacks, entertainment and the like.
 In addition to what the young people

in the local area spend on themselves, they exert a strong influence on family purchases.
 The findings are based upon surveys and studies made by the Youth Research Institute and others.
 The figures show that the 29 million teenagers in the United States are currently spending at the rate of \$24.7 billion a year, which averages out to about \$850 each.
 In Hoke County, where the number of boys and girls in the 13 to 19 age group is now 3,200, according to the Census Bureau, this amounts to nearly \$2,720,000.

Nationally, it is estimated, teenagers have a direct influence over nearly \$50 billion of family purchasing.
 In Hoke County, at that rate, they have a voice in the spending of an additional \$5,494,000 annually.

Farm Items

By W. S. Young & Phil Ricks
 County Agricultural Agents

This is the season for the build-up of the chigger or the red bug as most people know it. Children playing in grass, weeds or small shrubs are most likely to become infested. They can be most uncomfortable and the bites can get infected.
 Control can be obtained with the use of the 25 percent Diazinon material. It is sold by the trade name of Spectracide. Should be used at the rate of two one-half fluid ounces per gallon of water. After the first application, a second one should be applied in about four weeks.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture has moved into its new laboratory near the state fair grounds. This Agronomic Division will offer three types of tests for farmers, starting this year. These are the regular soil testing, plant tissue analysis and nematode assay. A fee will be charged for making the last two tests. All of these tests can better equip farmers to evaluate the production potential of their soils.

Several diseases are beginning to show up in vegetable gardens around the county. Early blight in tomatoes is prevalent and shows up as dark brown to black spots on the leaves. Mangate, Dithane or Bravo will halt the spread of the disease.

Bean root rot are showing up during this wet weather. Cool conditions and plenty of moisture are ideal for this soil-borne fungal growth. Sometimes beans can be planted back in the same area if conditions change and the disease will not occur again.

Blossom end rot of tomato will be showing up fairly soon. The mulching of tomatoes can prevent some of this disease. Two to four sprays of calcium chloride two to three table spoons per gallon of water) applied every seven to ten days beginning when the second fruit cluster is formed will be helpful.



Swim Camp Could Be Cancelled

The deadline of swim camp applications is July 1. Parents are asked to submit their children's applications and fees as soon as possible.

"Most people do not realize the planning and preparation that goes into a project of this kind. You do not just take boys and girls out to a lake and see what happens. We need the ages exact number of boys and girls who are planning to attend, answers to questions concerning their swimming (or non-swimming) ability, to determine the number of adults who will be needed. It takes time to prepare for the best use of the time allowed, safety and co-ordinating with the sponsoring Army unit. So, please parents, get the applications in or the camp will have to be cancelled," urges Mrs. Milo Postel, safety instructor.

Applications may be obtained at Howell's Rexall Drug Company and Hoke Drug Company, both on Main Street.

The camp at Ft. Bragg's Smith Lake July 22 through July 26 and July 29 through August 2 is for boys and girls ages six through twelve years old.

Lessons will be taught by certified personnel. Swimmers will be transported by bus, leaving Raeford from the National Guard Armory at 8 a.m. and returning at 1 p.m. Parents must make arrangements for swimmers to be picked up promptly.

There will be no charge for the swimming lessons but a fee of \$1.25 per child must be paid for supplies and crafts to be used when the swimmers are not in the water.

Each day swimmers must provide their own towels, swim suits, (or extra

shirt and shorts) and plastic bags for wet clothes for return trip. Shoes must be worn at all times except when in the water. Clothes should be marked with swimmer's name to avoid confusion.

Swim camp sponsors are Hoke County Recreation Department, Hoke County Girl Scouts and 35th Signal Group, Ft. Bragg.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE LEON THROWER

Leon Thrower was born Jan. 9, 1908, in Wilmington, N.C., the son of William Watson Thrower and Mary Elizabeth Hicks Thrower.

When he was a "teen" age boy, his father's health failed, and the family moved to Rockingham near his maternal grandparents.

His father was an invalid for seventeen years, and for many years Leon helped provide for his mother and two little sisters to whom he was devoted.

He joined Cartledge Creek Baptist Church, and served as teacher of the young adults class for a number of years. (This is the historical church in which Wake Forest College was "born". It will reach its two hundredth birthday this year, having been founded in colonial times.)

During World War II Leon served our country in the European War zone for more than three years. After the war he re-enlisted and remained in the army until Oct. 1948.

Dec. 21, 1947, he was married to Irene Downer of Raeford, where he has made his home since being separated from the army.

Soon after coming to Raeford, he moved his church membership to the Raeford Methodist Church, his wife's home church. Here he was a steward for some time.

He farmed and worked at Burlington Industries until his health failed, and he was retired on total disability in 1965.

From May 1964 until his death May 28, 1974 he spent many hours in pain. But several times he said, "I know I am not suffering as much as Christ suffered on the cross, for us."

His funeral was conducted at 4 p.m., May 29, 1974 in the United Methodist Church of Raeford, by his pastor the Rev. Herman Winberry and a beloved former pastor, the Rev. P.O. Lee.

Two of his favorite hymns were used: "How Great Thou Art" was sung by John Davis Jr., and "Sunrise Tomorrow" (which he loved and sang, as a young man) was sung by Lester Southern, Donald Brock, and Stephen Poole.

His body was laid to rest in the Raeford cemetery.

Bearers were:
 John K. McNeill Jr.
 Edwin L. McNeill
 Ken W. McNeill
 Luke McNeill
 Neill a McNeill
 Bobby B. McNeill
 Edwin L. McNeill Jr.
 Walter Coley

He is survived by his widow, Irene Downer Thrower; two sisters, Mrs. Maurice LeBlanc of Las Vegas, Nev. and Mrs. J.N. Gillis of Rockingham, N.C.; and one brother, W.J. Thrower of Rockingham, N.C.

Our home is lonely since he has gone, but happy memories linger still. With God's help, I'll carry on and strive to do His will.

Irene Downer Thrower

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PLANNED EXPENDITURES			THE GOVERNMENT OF RAEFORD CITY
CATEGORIES (A)	CAPITAL (B)	OPERATING/ MAINTENANCE (C)	
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 6,000	\$	ANTICIPATING A GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PAY- MENT OF \$94,863 FOR THE FIFTH ENTITLEMENT PERIOD, JULY 1, 1974 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1975. PLANS TO SPEND THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES SHOWN. ACCOUNT NO. 34 2 047 001 RAEFORD CITY CITY MANAGER P O DRAWER 606 RAEFORD N CAROLINA 28376 (D) The news media have been advised that a copy of this report has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation. I have records documenting the contents of this report and they are open for public scrutiny at: <u>City Hall, 315 N. Main Street, Raeford, N. C.</u> (E) ASSURANCES (Refer to instruction E) I assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the non-discrimina- tion and other statutory requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report will be complied with by this recipient government with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein. Signature of Chief Executive Officer John K. McNeill, Jr. Mayor Name & Title—Please Print Date
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$	
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$	
4 HEALTH	\$	\$	
5 RECREATION	\$	\$	
6 LIBRARIES	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	
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8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$	
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