

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather so far this week has made 180 degree change from the weather of last Friday and Saturday. Last Saturday the temperature was about 95 degrees, and this week the reading has been high 70.

Very little rain fell in Raeford over the weekend, but from reports, rain did fall elsewhere in the county. I haven't heard of any wind or hail damage like occurred in other sections of the state.

In talking with farmers of the county, it would seem that crops are not doing well at all. Tobacco and cotton are both hurting and this does not help the economy of the county.

I don't believe anyone is more of a gambler than the farmer. Just plant and wait to see what course nature will take.

Don't forget the Democratic county convention at the Courthouse Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. I don't know all the business that will take place, but if you don't attend something could occur that could not be for the best.

So, mark the date down on your calendar and be at the convention Saturday.

Last week the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association had their 79th annual meeting. In a clipping turned in to me several Hoke natives were mentioned.

Dr. Milton Jordan of Fairmont is the president-elect and Dr. William Plummer of Goldsboro is vice-president.

In the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. William Plummer is president.

Dr. Charles Randall of Kinston was named "Veterinarian of the Year" and Dr. William Plummer received an award as "Distinguished Veterinarian."

Dr. Jordan is the son of Mrs. J. F. Jordan and the late Mr. Jordan of this county. He is also a brother to Dr. Julius Jordan and Dr. Riley Jordan.

Dr. Plummer is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Plummer of the Wayside Community. He has several brothers and sisters that are still living in that community.

Dr. Randall is the husband of the former Irma Jordan, a sister of the Drs. Jordan and was a classmate of this writer in high school.

Congratulations to these former Hoke natives. It is also good to write about the accomplishments of people you were raised up with.

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Hoke Historical Society Starts

At an organizational meeting the Hoke County Historical Society Inc. approved by laws, set dues, and elected officers and board of directors.

Miss Josephine Hall conducted the meeting until officers were elected and the first president could assume his duties.

Cliff Blue of Aberdeen spoke to the group on the formation of the Moore County Historical Society.

Officers of the Hoke Association are Palmer Willcox, president; Mrs. Carson Davis Jr., vice president; Mrs. John K. McNeill Jr., secretary; and Miss Caroline Parker, treasurer.

Board of directors are the four officers and Miss Josephine Hall, Mrs. Charles Hostetter, Miss Peggy Bethune, Neill McFadyen, Sam C. Morris, Jim Lentz, Mrs. Ruria Warren and Mrs. Laurie McEachern.

Annual membership dues was set at a minimum of \$3 with larger donations accepted, reports Willcox. General membership meeting are scheduled twice yearly in the spring and fall with board of directors meeting more often.

Willcox said anyone interested in joining the society may contact any of the officers or board members.

Deputy Shot In Saturday Incident



THE REV. KELLY J. WILSON

New Pastor Begins Here

The Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, Jr., has assumed duties as pastor of Raeford United Methodist Church. He came to Raeford following four years service at Asbury United Methodist Church in Durham.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson is chairman of the Church Architecture Committee for eastern North Carolina and president of the North Carolina Conference Brotherhood of Methodist Ministers.

The Tennessee native holds B.D. and A.B. degrees from Duke University. He also attended Yale University School of Alcohol Studies, University of Tennessee School of Engineering and U. S. Army Navigation School. The World War II veteran served with the Army Air Corp in the Philippines and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant.

The Reverend and Mrs. Wilson have resided in North Carolina since 1946. Their family of four children includes three sons and one daughter.

The Rev. Kelly J. Wilson III serves at Wellons Village United Methodist Church in Durham while another son, the Rev. Jim Wilson, serves at Ebenezer Methodist Church in Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Daughter, Bekki, graduated from Duke University last winter and is employed in Durham. A third son, John, will be the only adult performer working with an all children's cast in a play for children to be presented in Durham during the U.S.-Soviet Union track meet July 5 and 6.

The new pastor and his wife enjoy camping, the out-of-doors and woodworking art.

City To Charge Cement Artists

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reports continuing problems with vandalism of curb and gutter work in Raeford. He says people are writing in, walking in and otherwise marring fresh cement in construction areas.

"We will prosecute or charge damages of anyone who is caught defacing the cement," points out the chief.

Safes Found Under Water

Two safes were found in Rockfish Creek at Twin Bridges (McKinnons Bridge) Saturday. Larry Pittman and four other persons reported they were trying to clean the creek under one of the bridges to make a swimming area when they located the first safe at 4:30 p.m., report sheriff's deputies.

Deputies Jimmie Riley and George McGuire answered the call and took the safe to the Sheriff's Department. Although the safe was empty it did bear a serial number.

A short time later law enforcement officers were notified a second safe had been found in the water. Riley found 24 keys, \$2.36 and several expired credit cards bearing a name and Fayetteville address inside the safe. The second safe also had a serial number. Chief Deputy Harvey Young and Deputy Elisha Dial assisted with the Hoke County investigation.

Sheriff D. M. Barrington says the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department was notified and is investigating.

Coins including silver dollars, Kennedy half dollars, buffalo nickels, liberty dimes, Indian head pennies and eagle half dollars were reportedly stolen from Jessie Locklear's Antioch residence June 19. Also missing are a pocketbook and a small cedar chest. Items were valued at \$303.75.

A radio, coffee pot and four gallons of paint were reportedly taken from a vacant house on the Pittman Farm in Rockfish sometime between June 16 and 22.

July Meetings Set

Regular monthly meetings of the Hoke County board of commissioners, the Raeford city council and the Hoke board of education are Monday.

The commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

The school board meets at 8 p.m. in the Board of Education Building and the city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

SUNKEN SAFES RETRIEVED

Two safes found Sunday afternoon in Rockfish Creek at twin Bridges (McKinnons Bridge) between Arabia and Rockfish sit in jail sally port. Safes were found by five people who were attempting to clear an area for swimming. Both safes have serial numbers and one contained small amount of money, keys and expired credit cards bearing a name and Fayetteville address, report sheriff's deputies. Local law enforcement agency notified Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. (N-J Photo)

Precincts Met, Elections Held

Wednesday morning Buchan and Raeford Four reported results of Tuesday's Democratic precinct meetings.

Buchan re-elected Clarence G. "Joe" Odom chairman and Gilbert McGregor third vice chairman. Newly elected were Irene Kearns, first vice chairman; Doug Locklear, second vice chairman; and Geneva K. Joy, secretary-treasurer.

Elected to executive committee were Raymond W. Parks, Frank Davis, Ben Davis, Isobell Armstrong and Flora Mae Davis. Selected as county convention delegates were Mildred G. Odom and Howard Brown.

Raeford Four selected Mike Wood, chairman; Mrs. Bob Kilby, first vice chairman; Glenn Wood, second vice chairman; Bob Kilby, third vice chairman and Sarah Leach, secretary-treasurer.

Also selected were committee members Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr., Mrs. Glenn Wood, John Biddix, Joe Stanley and Ernest Sutton. County convention delegates chosen were Mrs. Mike Wood, Clayton Bouyer, Bruce Conoly, Bea Herbin and Randall Ashburn.

Palmer Willcox, county Democratic chairman, says all precinct delegates should attend the county convention 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hoke County Courthouse. The convention is open to all Democrats registered in the county.

Dot Harris, county vice chairman, will open the meeting and delegates will elect officers for the county executive committee. Delegates to the Seventh Congressional District Convention, July 20, and the state convention in Raleigh, August 3, will also be elected.

Stores To Hold Sidewalk Sale

The Raeford Merchants' Association this week announced plans for the organization's second annual townwide sidewalk sale July 5 and 6.

Participating firms include Cato's Store, DeVane's Department Store, Theresa's Dress Shop, Macks Stores Inc., Joe Sugar's, Raeford Department Store and Moore's. Ron Corrado, merchants' assn. vice president, reports a few other stores may possibly be participating in the sale when final plans are completed.

Last year's sidewalk sale was termed a "great success" by participating merchants, according to Corrado. He reports, "We are offering low prices and fine bargains to our customers to show our appreciation for their support and business throughout the year."

Local Scouts Are On Tour

Five Hoke County Boy Scouts, Kevin Turner, Bobby Sheffey, Bill Hood, Roy Wood Jr., and Wally Jordan, are among 47 scouts and four adult leaders from throughout the Cape Fear Council, who have been planning and organizing since September for a month-long summer adventure. June 19 the council contingency left for a tour of the "Golden West" and Philmont Scout Ranch, outside of Cimmaron, N. M.

The tour will include Six Flags over Georgia; New Orleans; the Astrodome; the Alamo; Juarez, Mexico; Disneyland; San Francisco and the California Coast; Yosemite National Park; Las Vegas; Hoover Dam; the painted desert; the petrified forest; the Grand Canyon;

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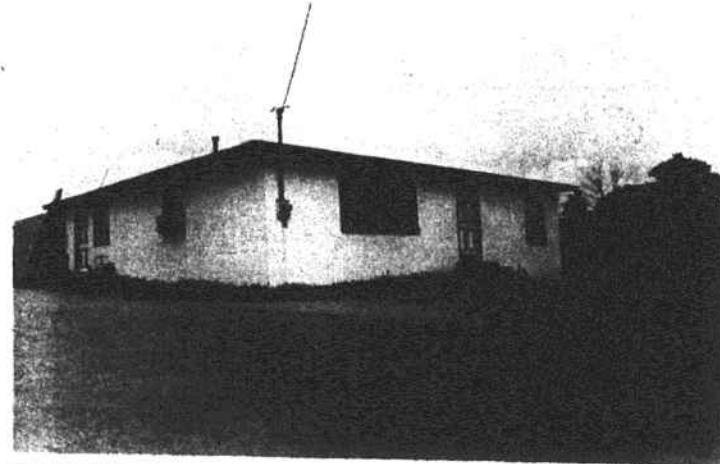
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Area Incidents

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WILL THIS BUSINESS BE PADLOCKED? - Sheriff D. M. Barrington reports citizens residing in area of the Adult Club, above, contacted his office Monday morning requesting the establishment be closed. Barrington said he will confer with the district attorney and initiate padlock proceedings through the courts. Early Saturday morning a sheriff's patrol car was fired on outside the club and Chief Deputy Harvey Young was hit with a shotgun pellet but did not require medical attention. (N-J Photo)

Car Gone, Gas Gone, Guy Gone

The car was reportedly gone from the lot Monday morning. The gas was gone from the tank Monday afternoon and the guy was gone from Hoke County Tuesday morning.

Normally a stranded motorist linked with a helpful highway patrolman results in a happy ending. But when the two are combined with an allegedly stolen vehicle the outcome is somewhat different as a Durham man discovered Monday afternoon.

State Trooper C.A. Bennett was riding south of Bowmore along U.S. 401 on patrol about 4 p.m. on patrol when he spotted a 1973 Chevrolet Monte Carlo standing on the shoulder of the road. Bennett reports a door on the vehicle was open and a man was inside.

The patrolman surmised the car was out of service and stopped to see if he could be of help. Sure enough, according to Bennett, the motorist reported he had run out of gas.

Bennett talked to the man for a few minutes and then ran a routine check on the license number through the Police Information Network and discovered the car had been reported stolen from Johnson Motor Company in Durham earlier in the day.

The motorist, identified as James Arthur Williams, 23, Durham, was booked into the Hoke County jail with bond set at \$2,000 on charges of possessing a stolen motor vehicle.

Tuesday morning a Durham police detective confirmed the suspects identification and transported him to Durham to face charges of stealing the automobile. Bond on that charge was set at \$3,000 reports Bennett.

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