

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Last week a write-up was received from Taber Academy announcing the graduation of J. A. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin of W. Elwood Avenue of Raeford. Now, this would seem reasonable and maybe you are wondering what is news about this so far as this column is concerned. A picture also was enclosed with the article. This is what caught my attention.

The picture was not of Tony Austin, but of some other student at the academy. It was an Austin, because it was stamped Austin on the back of the picture.

After inquiring around, I found out that Tony did not graduate but one more year.

Besides the picture, what really convinced me that something was wrong was the last sentence of the article. It read: "Mr. Austin will attend the fall semester at the University of Washington." Now, don't you know Jake would pay Tony's way to Washington when the University at Chapel Hill is still open.

You know if this had gone to a daily paper it would have been published, but being a small weekly paper someone on the staff usually knows most of the people in Hoke County.

I sent the article and picture back to the academy saying that this was the wrong Austin.

The following letter was received from Raz Autry, chairman of the Arabia Golf Club tournament committee:

Dear Sam:

Listed below are the winners of the Club Championship at Arabia held on the weekend of June 29 and 30:

Fourth flight: Emory Hunt, winner; Bob Wingate, Riley Jordan, tied for second.

Third flight: Jim Fisher, winner; Lester Gage, Robert Moye, tied for second.

Second flight: Luke Oxendine, winner; Al Berry, second; George Wood, third.

First flight: Jack Tucker, winner; Gary Adkins, Don Frykholm, tied for second.

Club champion: David Hendrix, winner; Earl McDuffie, Clyde Upchurch, tied for second.

The following was received from Lois Austin:

The parents of the young people that left last week to go to Europe with the North Carolina Concert Chorale wish to thank all the individuals and organizations that helped to make their trip possible. It is gratifying to know that the citizens of Hoke County stand by and support their young people. We feel sure they will prove to be worthy Ambassadors from North Carolina.

Lois Austin

Lions To Hear Ingram Speak



John Randolph Ingram, North Carolina insurance commissioner, will address the Raeford Lions Club, 7:30 p.m. July 8. He will discuss The North Carolina motorists bill of rights and the consumer insurance information division.

Prior to being elected insurance commissioner, Ingram was a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, and practiced law in his hometown, Asheboro.

Ingram graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a degree in accounting in 1952, and three years later finished first in his accounting class, and sixth in his law school class and received the Phi Beta Kappa Key.

Dismissed Teacher Sues Board

Hunt Hears Board Actions

James Albert Hunt, a Democratic nominee for a seat on the Hoke County governing board, sat through the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners Monday as an observer.

G. Raz Autry, school superintendent, and most members of the school board briefed commissioners on the state recommended plan for floating a \$3 million bond issue to update Hoke County school facilities.

The educational group reported Scurlock School is short 12 classrooms, the kindergarten program requires an additional 15 to 20 classes over a three-year period and high school enrollment will reach 1,550 next year with an estimated 450 freshmen which "should be the last big freshman class."

Autry said, "I fully agree the county also has other needs and we could cut to \$2.5 million by keeping Raeford Elementary School." The state recommended disbanding the school as unsatisfactory.

Commissioners took no action but are expected to act in time for the bond issue to appear on the November general election ballot.

The reduced figure would include \$1,246 million in state funds and a \$1.5 million local bond referendum.

Commissioners studied plans for the new county office building and report they hope to be ready for bids around first of August. The plans call for a 170 foot by 87 foot building to be constructed on 2.81 acres of land on the south end of Magnolia Street property

Woman Dies

A Laurinburg resident and Hoke County native died after allegedly being found unconscious about 11 a.m. Saturday at Poole's Peach Orchard five miles west of Raeford on N.C. 211.

Mrs. Dorothy McMillian, 33, was reportedly found by her husband, Jack McMillian and was rushed to Moore Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

An autopsy was performed and tissue samples were sent to the State Medical Examiner's office in Chapel Hill. Hoke County Chief Deputy Sheriff Harvey Young said cause of death will not be known until the autopsy report is completed and reports the case is still under investigation.

Hoke Demos Pick Morris

Hoke County Democratic executive committee officers elected in Saturday's county convention were Sam C. Morris, Raeford, chairman; Mrs. T. J. Harris, Duffie, first vice chairman; Mrs. Ben Davis, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, second vice chairman; Miss Linda Scott, Rt. 1, third vice chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Raeford, secretary; and Mrs. Mary K. Thomas, Raeford, treasurer.

Morris previously resigned the chairmanship after 14 years service to manage the campaign of Pat Taylor for governor in 1972. He replaces Palmer Willcox, chairman for the past two and a half years.

District congressional committee members elected were T. J. Harris and Freddie Smith.

District senatorial committee members are N. L. McFadyen and Mary Lindsey.

House of representative committee members are W. T. McAllister and Wyatt Upchurch.

State executive committee member selected was Dave Currie.

District delegates are Mrs. Jessie Neely, Mrs. Mary Lamont, Harold Gillis, Jerry Goza, W. T. McAllister, Raymond Parks, Jeff Harris and B. L. Williamson.

State delegates are N. L. McFadyen, Smith McInnis, Joe Odum, Elbert Campbell, W. B. McDiarmid, Jeff Harris, W. T. McAllister and Joseph E. Dupree.

At earlier precinct meetings McCain elected Peter Sawyer, chairman; Janice Parks, first vice chairman; Walter Green, second vice chairman; Ruth A. Warren, third vice chairman and Emmy Huff, secretary-treasurer.

Elected to executive committee were Dave Schuchard, David Warren, Carl Riley, Louise Sawyer and James McLaughlin.

Raeford Five selected Elbert Campbell, chairman; Mary K. Thomas, first vice chairman; Ivory Farmer, second vice chairman; Mary T. Morrison, third vice chairman; and Dorothy Johnson, secretary-treasurer. Delegates are Josephine Adams, the Rev. J. W. McRae, Livingston Lyons, James Thomas and Beverly McRae.

currently owned by the Board of Education.

Plans include kitchens for extension offices and social services, a social services conference room, and enlarged offices for social services, nutrition aides' room and case workers.

Also included are two 30-car parking lots and a curved driveway across front of building adjoining access to both parking lots. Estimated cost of the building is \$500,000.

At the request of Sheriff D. M. Barrington, commissioners asked the county attorney to study legality of imposing a county-wide closing time for "places of pleasure and night spots."

Barrington informed commissioners the county could participate in a national crime information network (NCIC) with no cost incurred for the first year and charges of \$154 monthly thereafter. Commissioners agreed they would pay half the cost if the city of Raeford would pay the remaining half with a base station to be installed at either the Sheriff's Department or the Raeford Police Station.

Barrington said he had been approached by a group of young people seeking permission to use are near Rockfish Creek to congregate. The youths requested a security light and trash container be placed in the area. (see letter to editor)

The sheriff said a few complaints had been received from area residents that vehicle lights flashed in their windows and noise disturbed them, but he reported he had parked nearby in an unmarked car and heard no noise.

Barrington said, "These kids borrowed equipment and cleaned up the area. All generations of Hoke Countians have parked at Rockfish Creek."

Commissioner John Balfour said he thought the matter should be handled by the recreation commission.

Barrington also submitted monthly reports for January through May, 1974. He recommended the rescue squad be permitted to borrow three mobile communication units and two walkie-talkies until the organization can go on the rescue squad broadcast frequency within the next year.

It was announced a meeting to consider forming a new fire district will be at the old Burlington School 8 p.m., July 11. Commissioners appointed safety council and safety committee members in compliance with federal Occupational, Safety and Health Act. The county safety council is scheduled to meet quarterly.

In other action commissioners approved a Cumberland County request that the state re-establish maintenance of limited neighborhood roads not listed on state system, tabled for further study a request from Sandhills Mental Health Board concerning salaries in relation to state scale, and agreed to make at least two reservations for annual association convention in Winston-Salem, August 15-18.

Reports were heard from civil preparedness coordinator, county farm agent and county home agent.

Hostetler reported a new milestone was reached when county tax collections exceeded \$1 million for the first time in his memory. He said 94.7 percent of taxes were collected.

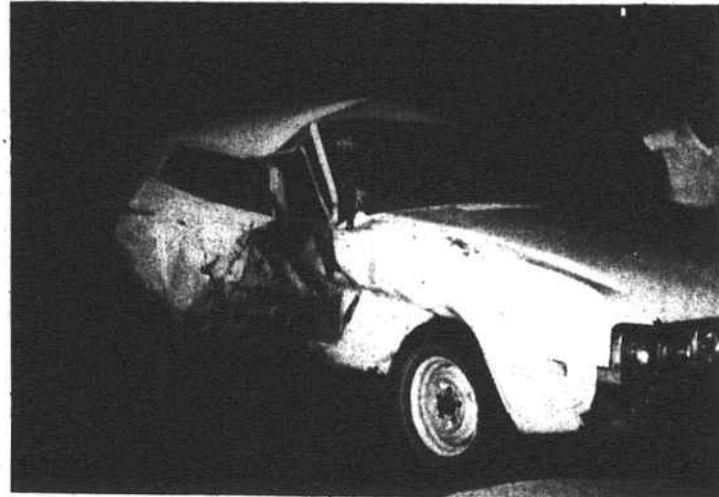
HEW Sends Drug Grant

Friday, G. Raz Autry, Hoke school superintendent, received an \$8,235 federal grant from the Department of Health Education and Welfare to train local school personnel in a drug abuse prevention and early intervening program.

Autry reports the Hoke County program will be concentrated at Hoke High School and Upchurch Junior High School.

Five school system employees will attend a two-week seminar at Biscayne College, Miami, Fla. Scheduled to attend the August 11-25 session are Wayne Mills, coordinator and teacher; Gloria Williams, high school guidance counselor; Frank Richards, high school principal; Phyllis Duncan, Upchurch teacher; and Bobby Locklear, high school guidance counselor.

Grant funds will be used to pay seminar expenses and coordinator expenses including additional salary for drug program time after school hours. Remainder of the grant will probably be used for materials or other expenses recommended by the five-man committee during the 1974-75 academic year.



TUESDAY ACCIDENT - Car and pickup truck reportedly were involved in accident at U.S. 401 and College Drive Tuesday. Car occupants were the Rev. and Mrs. P.O. Lee and the Rev. and Mrs. Kelly J. Wilson Jr. Unofficial reports Wednesday morning indicate Mrs. Lee is listed in critical condition with severe chest injuries at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Mrs. Wilson suffering mild concussion is expected to remain in the hospital several days and the Rev. Wilson also suffering concussion was expected to be released Wednesday afternoon. Unofficial reports indicate the Rev. Lee was not admitted to the hospital. It is believed the highway patrol investigated.

Arson Charge Lodged

Ida L. Carter, 27, Fayetteville, is charged with first degree arson in connection with a Duffie house fire early Saturday morning and is being held in the Hoke County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

A Hoke County couple was released on \$5,000 bond each on charges of aiding and abetting arson. According to the warrants, Charles H. Ransom, 26, and his wife Retha Ransom, 24, both of Saunders Street, are charged with "providing transportation for Mrs. Carter from the scene."

Reports indicate the fire was spotted by Sheriff's Deputies George McGuire and Jimmy Riley while they were on routine patrol on Rural Road 1132 about 2 a.m. Saturday.

They parked in the driveway and while Riley called for help, McGuire reports he ran up on the porch, knocked on the door, ran around the house to a bedroom window which was broken, saw kerosene running out of a drum, turned it off and knocked on the window.

Several Bids Called For

At their regular monthly meeting Monday, city councilmen voted to advertise for bids for resurfacing, paving and guttering.

Streets tentatively listed for resurfacing are Jackson Street, Pinewood Circle, Oakwood Avenue, West Edinborough from Bethel Road to 401, Central from Roberts to Dickson and Elwood from Jackson to Highland.

New paving is tentatively scheduled for Seventh Avenue from McLean to Lewis Street and Lumber Yard Street. Scheduled for curb and gutter work is West Elwood from Magnolia to Bethel Road.

Councilmen also approved advertising for bids for a two-ton truck cab and chassis to replace an old non-operable state truck.

They also approved advertising for bids for a new city garage according to specifications drawn by Koonce, Noble and Associates, Inc., Lumberton.

The 50 feet by 75 feet structure is to be located on city land off south 211 near the Knit-Away plant. It will replace the current garage arrangement at rear of city hall.

Plans call for the one-story metal structure to house offices for the water superintendent, street superintendent, and parts and mechanics. Also to be included in the two-bay garage are wash and grease pits and employees' lounge.

Earlier the council had presented a proposed airport ordinance to the airport committee. Monday the airport committee submitted the ordinance with recommended changes. During the discussion it was determined additional rewording of the ordinance was necessary.

The discussion was tabled pending additional work on the ordinance which is scheduled to be placed on the agenda of a special July 15 city council meeting.

Appointment of airport committee members was discussed. The five-man committee will be composed of one city councilman, the airport manager and three at-large members.

Current membership is Councilman Benny McLeod, and at-large members William Moses and Tom Cameron, chairman.

Riley and McGuire report they pushed a parked car away from the burning house and moved their patrol car farther away from the structure. They found Betty Faye Collins and her two children in the smoke covered driveway and report Mrs. Collins thought her sister Linda and a man identified as John Carter were inside the house. Investigators report Linda and Carter arrived at the scene later.

After the fire trucks and a highway patrolman arrived the fire became so hot patrol cars were moved about 100 yards down the road. Then the rescue squad and the ambulance arrived, deputies report.

A rescue squadman spotted someone along side the road, deputies investigated and arrested the person allegedly identified as Ida Carter and charged her with first degree arson.

Records indicate Mrs. Carter was booked into the county jail at 6 a.m. Saturday and Ransom at 8:40 p.m. Sunday.

Also discussed at Monday's meeting was possibility of using 82-gallon roll around garage containers at each city residence for curb-side pickup. City Manager John Gaddy said estimated initial cost of the program would be \$45,000. In other communities using the system, the city pays for the first container and residents (See BIDS, Page 15)

Sheriff Seeks Additional Help

Sheriff D.M. Barrington announced this week, "Three openings exist in the Hoke County Sheriff's Department for one jailer and two deputies."

These are new positions created in the 1974-75 county budget to beef up the law enforcement agency. The sheriff reports deputies with no previous experience will start at \$7,000 annually, while an inexperienced jailer would draw \$6,800. Under existing regulations law enforcement officers must be at least 20 years old and have a high school education or equivalent.

Lake Claims Local Man

A drowning incident claimed the life of a Hoke County man Sunday at White Lake. The victim was identified as William H. Campbell, 18, of Rt. 2, Raeford. According to White Lake Police Chief Gary Moore, the body was found in shallow water.

William Campbell, son of John D. Campbell of 130 Wrightsboro St., was found in the water near Goldston's Pier about 12:30 p.m. Sunday, by members of the Elizabethtown Rescue Squad. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Bladen Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown.

Campbell was defensive halfback on the Hoke High School football team, member of Monogram, Pep Club, and Key Club while a high school student.

Monday, a dismissed Hoke County school teacher filed civil suit against the Hoke County Board of Education and G. Raz Autry, Hoke school superintendent.

Summonses were served on Autry Monday afternoon. They named Autry and school board members R. J. Jordan, W. L. Howell, Jr., R. L. Gibson, A. W. Wood, and D. R. Huff, Jr., as defendants.

Mrs. Bettie L. Patterson, Fayetteville, is seeking reinstatement with back pay, other benefits, costs and attorney's fees. In her complaint Mrs. Patterson alleges her termination was in violation of her rights under the North Carolina and U. S. Constitutions and the Teachers Tenure Act.

The Negro school teacher also maintains that "at time of termination she was equal to or superior to white teachers re-employed by the Hoke Board of Education for 1974-75 in training, experience, ability and performance."

"The action of the defendants and particularly defendant Autry, in terminating plaintiff's (Mrs. Patterson's) contract was based in part upon plaintiff's race and color."

"All defendants are white and have pursued a pattern and practice of discriminating against blacks, and particularly the plaintiff, because of their race and color."

"Her termination being based in part upon her race and color was done by the defendants with malice."

The complaint alleges the school board voted in early April, 1974, to dismiss Mrs. Patterson and that she received no prior notice and was not offered a hearing or opportunity to present her case to the Professional Review Board as required by the Teacher Tenure Act.

The complaint further alleges that at a May 27 meeting, Autry advised Mrs. Patterson she did not have tenure, although she maintained she had obtained career status and could only be dismissed according to procedures outlined in the tenure act. Mrs. Patterson maintains the board's action terminating prior to the meeting was in direct violation of her rights.

Autry says Mrs. Patterson's attorney requested a board hearing and it was granted May 27, but she did not request a Professional Review Board hearing within the required ten-day period.

School board attorney William L. Moses said, "I don't think I should publicly discuss my clients' case or make any statement concerning it because of attorney-client relationship and because the case is under litigation in the courts."

A portion of the state statute says "within a 15-day period after receipt of the notice the career teacher may file with the superintendent a written request for either (i) a review of the superintendent's proposed recommendation by a panel of the Professional Review Committee or (ii) a hearing before the board within ten days."

"If the teacher requests an immediate hearing before the board, he forfeits his right to a hearing by a panel of the Professional Review Committee. If no request is made within that period the superintendent may file his recommendation with the board. The board, if it sees fit, may by resolution dismiss such teacher. If a request for a review is made, the superintendent shall not file his recommendation for dismissal with the board until a report of a panel of the committee is filed with the superintendent."

The board of education has 30 days to answer the complaint.

Couple Held

A Hoke County Couple was arrested Friday on orders of Superior Court Judge Donald Smith for allegedly violating a permanent injunction and restraining order issued by Smith March 4.

Arol H. Smith and his wife Magdaline, Rt. 2, are being held in the county jail. Judge Smith set Smith's bond at \$10,000 and Mrs. Smith's at \$5,000. In related action David Propst, Rt. 2, posted \$1,000 bond.

The arrests stemmed from a June 25 incident when Propst allegedly was working on a right-of-way in accordance with Judge Smith's March 4 ruling when a fight broke out.

Charges and counter charges resulted. Arol H. Smith was charged with assaulting Propst with his hands and fists. Mrs. Smith was charged with assaulting Mrs. Ethel Propst with her fists.

Propst was charged with assaulting Arol Smith and Arol Smith Jr. with a shovel. Mrs. Propst was charged with assaulting Mrs. Smith and Arol Smith with a yard rake.

Patricia Smith of Fayetteville is charged with assaulting Arol Smith with a pickup truck on June 26.