

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The gas shortage of the first of the year was not in evidence during the past fourth of July long weekend. Traffic was heavy and many campers were on the highways. Sunday afternoon I saw seven or eight campers in a line at the stop light at the corner of Main Street and Prospect Avenue.

I hope that the gas will hold through next week, because that is when my vacation will start.

I haven't heard of any serious incidents that occurred in Hoke County over the long weekend.

The law that went into effect the first of July that motorists could "turn right on a red light" has not been used much here in Raeford. You can turn right on red at any intersection after coming to a stop and have freedom of traffic at that intersection.

According to my understanding, any intersection that you cannot turn red on, a red light must be marked with a sign.

The City Council of Raeford voted to permit "turn right on red" at all intersections in the city. Two places that will be benefited are the intersections at the Raeford Hotel and Main Street and Harris Avenue.

I am still fully convinced that Elwood Avenue from Magnolia to Stewart should be a one-way street. I think that it should be tried for a few months or weeks, and if it doesn't work, go back to the way it is now.

John Ingram, Commissioner of Insurance, was by the office Monday afternoon. He stated that he had just returned from Russia where he was on a fact finding trip. John didn't have much to say about his trip, but I know the Raeford Lions Club heard about it, as he was speaking to them Monday night.

He did tell one of his assistants to send us a new picture for the files. His hair is long now, and the picture we used last week showed him with a neat trim.

Anyway, it was a pleasure to talk with him again.

I don't know how much rain fell in Raeford the past few days. You cannot compare the amount of rainfall in Raeford to any other sections of the county. Dick Neeley said that he had three-tenths Saturday, and about a mile or so on 401 toward Fayetteville, they reported three inches.

Also, I read in the paper where they had flash floods in Fayetteville and Lumberton Sunday. As I have stated in this column before, the weather doesn't seem to be the same as years ago.

I haven't heard any reports as to outcome of the sidewalk sale, but from the crowd in the city Friday, it must have been a success.

Man Jailed In 1972 Case

A Hoke County man was given a ticket for speeding Sunday and ended in jail charged with rape. Bond for Archie Bryant, 28, Rt. 3, Raeford, and Baltimore, Md., was set at \$10,000.

Bryant was arrested on an old warrant stemming from the alleged rape of a 15-year-old Wagram girl in October, 1972. At that time two Raeford men, Marilyn H. Locklear alias Hitler Locklear and Mavis Sturdivant alias Dick Sturdivant, were charged in the case. Chief Deputy Harvey Young reports Bryant was out of state and the warrant was never served on him.

The grand jury returned true bills Nov. 13, 1972, and witnesses were subpoenaed and the cases placed on the court calendar for trial Nov. 14, 1972. They were not tried. Witnesses were also subpoenaed, and the cases placed on the calendar for trial Jan. 22, 1973, and again Aug. 13, 1973. They were not tried.

On Nov. 14, 1973, 13 months after the alleged rape, the state said it could not prosecute because the juvenile girl had left North Carolina. The state took no pros with leave on the cases against Sturdivant and Locklear.

No pros with leave means the state is not prosecuting, but the case may be reopened for future prosecution at the request of the solicitor.

In Sunday's incident, Deputy Sheriffs Alex Norton and Jimmy Riley stopped a car on Turnpike Road at 8:30 p.m. and say Bryant was the driver of the speeding vehicle. Norton reportedly recognized Bryant as a wanted individual and the suspect was lodged in jail on the rape charge.

CofC Grows

The Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting at the Family Restaurant with President Bob Gentry presiding.

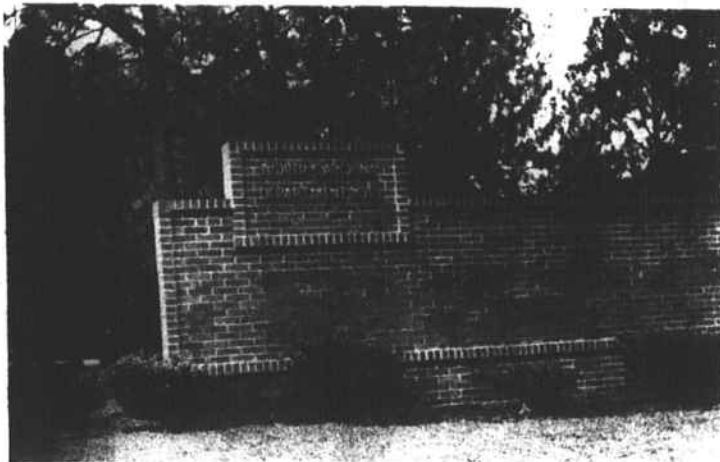
It was reported that dues were coming in at a very good space this year. Several new members have joined the Chamber for the year 1974 - 75.

A report was made concerning the success of the second annual "sidewalk sale" sponsored by the merchant's association. Some discussion was held concerning Christmas activities. It was the general feeling of board members that funds needed to finance a Christmas parade would not be available again this year and that some other activity should be planned.

A new contract with the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles has been signed with an increase from 32 to 34 cents fee per transaction. The Chamber is the duly license plate contractor for Hoke County and this new contract would increase the chamber's budget by approximately \$300.

The general economic condition of the community was discussed and the chamber encourages local retail and industrial concerns to expand as well as invite new businesses to locate in our community. The Chamber always stands ready to assist in any worthwhile undertaking.

Director Bobby Conoly was asked to coordinate the activities for Firemen's Prevention Week which will be held in the fall.



WAITS FOR LETTERING - Sign which used to display "North Carolina Department of Youth Development Samuel Leonard Training School" waits for new lettering to arrive in order to accurately describe the new name and nature of the facility. When completed sign will display "North Carolina Department of Corrections Sandhills Youth Center." The former training school is now a minimum security educational prison for male felons and misdemeanants under 18 years old. (N-J Photo)

School In Operation At State Youth Center

Eighty-nine inmates are now housed at Sandhills Youth Center (SYC) formerly Samuel Leonard Training School, in McCain, reports Thomas G. Ivester, SYC superintendent.

The facility became a minimum security prison for youthful adult offenders earlier this year with first prisoners arriving about March 1. At that time state officials said the prisoners would be honor grade males under 18-years old who were serving sentences for felony and misdemeanor convictions. They were to be sent to SYC to receive elementary and high school educations.

Tuesday Ivester said education facilities through the eighth grade were in operation at SYC. Fourteen of the inmates recently completed a furniture refinishing course taught at SYC by Sandhills Community College and are expected to continue in a planned furniture design and construction course.

Also offered is a basic food service course to prepare inmates for various types of restaurant work. Ivester also reports prisoners sit on a resident steering committee to offer inmate participation and to maintain communication between the prison administration and the prisoners.

Concerning escapes from the unit, Ivester said, "We have had more than I had hoped for but fewer than had been

predicted. We have had seven walk aways and all but one have been returned to custody. Once they have escaped from here they are automatically reassigned to Western Correctional Institute in Morganton and placed under tighter security than at SYC."

Two charged as escapees are awaiting grand jury action. Information on the escape warrants indicate they are Peter Donnie Harvey, 17, who had been sentenced for 27 felonious breaking and enterings, 18 felonious larcenies, 4 motor vehicle breakins, and 13 misdemeanor larcenies, allegedly escaped June 22; and Ricky Allen Webb, 15, serving four years for breaking, entering and larceny, allegedly escaped June 10.

Others tried in district court for escape and receiving 90-day sentences to begin at expiration of current sentences include Roger Rubin, 17, serving two years for auto theft, escaped May 12; Kenneth L. Smith, 17, serving one year for DUI second, escaped June 10; Willie L. Fairley, 17, serving sentence for breaking, entering and larceny, temporary auto theft and license violation, escaped June 22; and William L. McFadyen, 16, serving sentence for breaking into a coin machine, larceny and injury to property, escaped June 22.

Alleged Victim Denies She Was Kidnapped

A Vass man who was arrested Saturday by Moore County authorities on a Hoke County warrant is being held in the Hoke County Jail on kidnap charges. Bond for Ricky Medlin, 21, was set at \$10,000. Also on Saturday, a woman who claimed to be the alleged victim, reportedly denied she had been forced to go with Medlin.

The warrant, drawn on complaint of Johnny Patterson, Ashley Heights, alleges that Medlin kidnaped Anita B. Patterson, July 1. Stapled to the warrant is a paper addressed "To whom it may concern:" and bearing the date July 6, 1974.

The typed text on the page states, in part, that the alleged victim of the kidnapping went with Medlin voluntarily and "if I go back to live with my people, my husband, Johnny Patterson or my mother, father or sister, they will hurt me and make me change this statement. They will force me to say that Ricky kidnaped me and forced me to go with him. This will not be true."

Below the typed text is a hand written signature in the name of Anita

B. Patterson. Hand written signatures in the names of Irene F. Mullinix and James R. Grissom appear above typed witness blocks on the lower part of the page.

Vass Town Clerk Irene F. Mullinix said Tuesday that a woman who said she was Anita B. Patterson "made the statement in my home Saturday." The Vass clerk said she and Vass Police Chief Grissom witnessed the making of the statement.

The town clerk said she had never known Anita B. Patterson and the only identification she saw in possession of the woman who made the statement was a medicine container bearing the name Anita B. Patterson.

Court Upholds Dupree's Ruling

News Deadline

Writeups to be published in The News-Journal before an event occurs must be received by the paper by noon Thursday in order to appear in the next week's edition. Included are meetings, church activities, civic organization functions, recitals and school activities.

Floating Bonds Is Board Topic

At their regular monthly meeting the Hoke County board of education requested a \$1.5 million bond issue be floated for school construction.

Board members approved cutting the \$250 annual teacher salary supplement to \$150 because of reduction in federal impact funds.

Teachers elected were Mayo Arnold, South Hoke; John Buckholz, assistant football coach and physical education, Hoke High; Ruby Cole, English, Hoke High; Eleanor Harward, nurse, county school system; Jane Locke, music, Upchurch and J.W. McLaughlin; Rebecca McMaster, math and special math, Scurlock; Margaret Swanson, general science, Hoke High; Faye Williams, first grade, J.W. McLaughlin; Kathy McIntosh, special education, Raeford Elementary; Betsy Sloan, special education program coordinator; Joyce Rhodes, special math teacher, Upchurch; Clyde Jacobs, art, Hoke High and Upchurch; Audrey Long, girl's physical education, Hoke High; Andrea Scott, special math, Upchurch; Joanne Moses, guidance counselor, Upchurch; and Emily Bass, elementary, Scurlock.

In other action Mutual of Omaha was awarded school insurance contract.

Thieves Hit Local Firms

Breakins at two Main Street stores were discovered about ten minutes apart Sunday by Raeford patrolmen while they were on a routine patrol checking business firms' doors.

About 7 p.m. Patrolman J.C. Barrington discovered C.P. Kinlaw Jewelry store had been broken into. A panel had been pulled from the firm's rear door.

During the investigation six empty ring boxes were found outside the back door and numerous empty boxes were still sitting in display cases inside the store after thieves apparently stripped the boxes of rings and watches, reports indicate.

Police Chief V. Leonard Wiggins said value estimate of missing items would be made following an inventory of the store's stock.

About ten minutes after Barrington discovered the Kinlaw breakin, Patrolman Junior Ward, checking doors on the opposite side of Main Street, discovered an unlocked rear door at Frances' Fabrics.

Wiggins said thieves apparently entered through a skylight in the roof of the building and reportedly took about \$50 in change from a cash box inside the store.

The North Carolina court of appeals upheld a January ruling by District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree that three juveniles be bound over to superior court for trial as adults.

Wednesday, defense attorney Phillip A. Diehl said he would appeal to the N.C. supreme court. Diehl contends a portion of the state statutes on juvenile justice are unconstitutional.

The juveniles are being held in connection with an alleged Dec. 21, 1973, kidnap-assault on two 14-year-old girls. Four older youths involved in the same incident received life sentences for kidnap-assault in January, 1974, session of Hoke County Superior Court.

On behalf of the 14 and 15 year-old males, Diehl contended the juveniles could not be tried in superior court because it would constitute double jeopardy, because Dupree had already held an adjudicatory and dispositional hearing in the cases.

The appeals court said, "What the district court actually did was to hold a preliminary hearing, determine whether there was probable cause to believe the juveniles guilty and transfer the cases to the superior court. In substance, though not in form, the court complied with the requirements of the statute."

District Attorney Jack A. Thompson commented Wednesday morning, "I felt the appeals court would uphold the district court decision. I have not read the appeals court decision but from what I have heard, it seems to be a common sense ruling."

As for trying the juveniles Thompson said, "At present time it appears we will wait to bring them to trial after all appeals are completed."

Diehl said he will file his appeal before the end of July and expects the supreme court to rule around August or September.

On court order the juveniles were transferred in February from juvenile detention cells in the Hoke County jail to C. A. Dillon Training School.

Gas Firms Get The Lead Out

Unleaded gasoline is available at some Hoke County gas stations in compliance with a July 1 requirement that all stations selling more than 200,000 gallons annually must stock unleaded gas.

Randall Ashburn of Raeford Oil Company reports two stations he supplies have the unleaded gas. They are Conoly's Exxon on Central Avenue and Harrell's on West Prospect Avenue.

Clyde Teal of Teal Oil Co. said three and possibly four of the Texaco stations he supplies come under the new law and he does have the unleaded gas for his stations.

A check of some local stations indicates firms pumping the unleaded gas product are continuing to offer at least two other grades of gasoline.

Among other stations offering the unleaded gas are Clark's Gulf on U.S. 401 by-pass and Wilson's Shell on N.C. 211 West.

Car Recovered, Jones Charged

Police report a car stolen from Hoke Auto Company, North Main Street, between 9:30 p.m. and 11:05 p.m., July 3, was recovered less than 24 hours later.

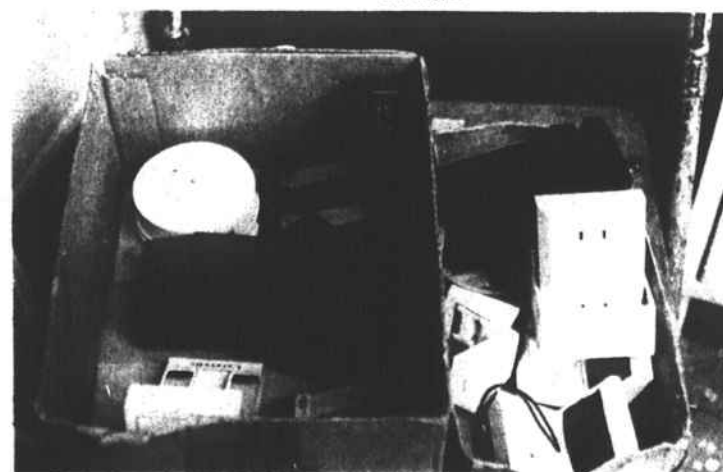
Johnny Jones, Antioch Community, was booked by Highway Patrol Sgt. D. L. Minshew about 7 p.m., July 4, and charged with breaking, entering and larceny and damage to personal property.

Police Chief V. Leonard Wiggins said a cinder block was tossed through a rear door window of the auto firm and a 1974 car and a 1972 truck were moved inside the building. He said estimated damage to the car was \$500 and to the truck, \$25.

Wiggins said the stolen automobile was a 1974 Chevrolet Monte Carlo valued at \$5,000.



NO PLACE TO GO - Is what teenagers are saying. Sheriff D. M. Barrington told county commissioners teenagers have cleaned up this spot by Rockfish Creek and requested a trash container and safety light be placed in the area. Last week's The News-Journal contained a letter from two young people concerning the need for such an area. A reply is printed in today's editorial page. (N-J Photo)



EMPTY JEWELRY BOXES - Empty boxes found by police in display cases and outside Kinlaw Jewelry Store following breakin discovered Sunday evening, are shown in police Department where they were being checked for fingerprints. Breakin was discovered by patrolman on routine door check of Main Street businesses. (N-J Photo)

Curley Chavis Faces Charges

Bond was set at \$10,000 for Curley Chavis, 22, who lives near Maxton, and is being held in Hoke County jail on charges of obtaining carnal knowledge of a child under 16 years old. Chavis was arrested Saturday.

The victim of the alleged crime is a 14 year old Hoke County girl who is now in juvenile custody. The alleged felony took place over a "several day period last week," reports Chief Deputy Sheriff Harvey Young.