

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The past weekend was perfect for golfers - a little warm but no rain was in sight. The hot weather continues this week, and it should start raining Wednesday when I start on vacation. Anyway, the gas situation looks good for the remainder of the month.

Of course everything is not perfect, as the air conditioner at the house knocked off Monday, and it will be Thursday before it can be fixed. I guess we all have good days and bad days.

According to reports from the tobacco market, farmers were not pleased with the prices offered by the tobacco companies. I believe the average price on opening day was over 80 cents. Now, to most of us, this seems to be a good price, but to the farmers who have seen the cost of everything they plant and use in farming sky rocket, it doesn't seem high or right to them.

The weather conditions have played havoc with them already, and if the prices are not right, they are in for a hard time.

Time will tell.

Also, reports from the Sandhills say that the peach crop will be short this year. So, everyone can look for the price of peaches to be high. With all the know-how to farming and to growers it is still a gamble, because nature and the elements have the last say.

Next Tuesday, July 23, at the Civic Center, the Extension Homemakers, the Education Department of the Woman's Club and the Hoke County Sheriff's Department will present a program to all citizens on Personal and Property Protection. There will be two classes so ~~that anyone can attend.~~ The first is at three p.m. and the second is at eight p.m.

An article about this meeting is elsewhere in the paper, so read about it and make plans to attend.

The Seventh Congressional District Convention will be held in Whiteville Saturday, July 20, at the courthouse at 10 a.m. Senator John T. Hensley of Cumberland County is district chairman and will preside.

Delegates from Hoke County were chosen at the county convention and will attend Saturday.

I have been reading in the papers where Carolina Power and Light Co. is asking for increased rates in the next few weeks. After receiving my power bill for June, it would seem to me that the increase is already in effect. My bill was about 40 percent more than May. I talked to one person who said his bill went up approximately 300 percent for the month of June.

I, for one, would like to see something done about the cost of living before the cost stops us from living. I know that someone in this country is smart enough to solve the problem.



**AWARDS** - At conclusion of Hoke recreation softball season Bobby Baker, left, member of Raeford Oil Company championship team was awarded J.D. McMillan annual memorial award for outstanding sportsmanship and Henry Thompson, right, also a Raeford Oil Company team member, was awarded the Hoke County slow pitch softball league most valuable player trophy.

## Candidates To Speak

Area Democrats will have an opportunity Monday to hear attorney general candidates voice their stands on various subjects. Candidates for the Democratic nomination to post vacated by Robert Morgan in his bid for Sen. Sam Ervin's seat, will appear at the Cumberland County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

John Beasley, Cumberland Democratic chairman, said each candidate will be allotted five minutes to speak to the audience before beginning a question and answer session. The meeting, although arranged for benefit of Democratic executive committee members, is open to the public.

Candidates expected to appear include Rep. Herbert Hyde of Asheville, Rep. Kitchin Josey of Scotland Neck, Superior Court Judge Dennis Winter of Asheville, Sen. McNeill Smith of Greensboro, Wake County District Attorney Burley Mitchell, Rep. H. M. Michaux of Durham, Superior Court Judge Charles Kivett of Greensboro and Rufus Edmisten, a former aide to Senator Ervin.

## Board Names Earl Oxendine

Earl H. Oxendine, Upchurch Junior High School principal and state Board of Education member, was appointed by the state Board of Education to serve on the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children.

Oxendine was among eleven parents of school-age children appointed July 11. The council, established by the 1974 general assembly, will serve as an advisory group to the state board concerning the consumer's view of public school programs for exceptional children.

Rep. Graham Bell, from Gastonia and author of the bill establishing the council, was appointed chairman of the group. Bell and five additional legislative appointments will complete membership.

The council is an outgrowth of parent concern about availability of programs for children with special educational needs. The group will receive citizens' inquiries concerning public school programs dealing with the exceptional child and make recommendations, by majority vote, in the state Board of Education.

SBE parent appointees representing each Congressional district are District one, Mrs. L. Polk Williams, Jr., Elizabeth City; two, Barry Munson, Roanoke Rapids; three, Grady McNeill, Dunn; four, Garland H. Stout, Raleigh; five, Clarence McKee, Winston-Salem; six, Archie L. Banks, Wentworth; seven, Oxendine, Raeford; eight, Mrs. Harris D. Blake, Pinehurst; nine, Mrs. Dorris Hoyle, Lincolnton; ten, Carlos Young, Shelby; and eleven, Mrs. Darcus Welch, Bryson City.

## Youths' Safety Concerns P.D.

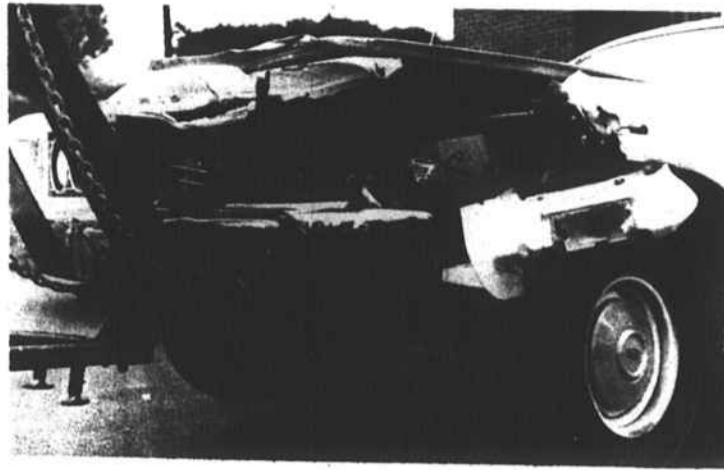
Raeford Police Chief V. Leonard Wiggins reports numerous children are roaming around the city during nighttime hours. "We will handle the situation the same way we did last year," says the chief. "Any juvenile found outside his home after midnight will be taken to the police station and his parents will be notified," comments Wiggins.

"This procedure will be followed to insure the safety of the juveniles," stressed the police chief. "I think many parents and juveniles do not fully realize the dangers to young people roaming the area late at night."

## Kindergarten Lottery Set

Names of children to attend state kindergarten classes in the Hoke school system will be chosen by lottery July 31. Eligible for selection are youngsters who will be five years old by October 16.

Parents who have not filed an application should go to the school serving their attendance area and complete an application. The child's birth certificate and immunization record must be presented at the time



**MASHED AND SMASHED** - Hoke County Sheriff's Department car shows ravages of early Friday accident when Deputy Sheriff Alex Norton attempted to set up a road block to stop vehicle reportedly fleeing from Wagram and Scotland County authorities. Norton, who was not seriously injured, estimates other vehicle was traveling about 70 miles an hour when collision occurred on U.S. 401 in Bowmore. (N-J Photo)

## County Car Rapped, Suspect Is Charged

Front end of Hoke County Sheriff's Department squad car was damaged about 4:15 a.m. Friday when a vehicle traveling about 70 miles an hour hit the patrol car which Deputy Sheriff Alex Norton had stopped on U.S. 401 in Bowmore to set up a roadblock, reports Norton.

As a result of this and earlier alleged incidents the same day, Stanley Kaye Matthews, Antioch Community, faces Hoke County charges of assaulting Joann Horne with a motor vehicle with intent to kill, DUI, public intoxication, careless and reckless driving and failure to stop for a blue light and siren. He also faces Scotland County charges of leaving the scene of an accident and motor vehicle theft.

The charges stem from a series of events which reportedly began when Matthews' vehicle went into a ditch on Turnpike Road and his friend Joann Horne arrived in her car and helped him change a tire. Then, according to Norton, Matthews tried to run over Miss Horne with his car and rammed her vehicle.

Next, Matthews reportedly drove to Scotland County, hit a utility pole,

abandoned his vehicle and headed for Wagram. His mode of transportation from the utility pole accident to Wagram is unknown.

Once in Wagram, authorities claim Matthews stole a truck from Paul Smith's service station. Wagram police officer Fred Holloway stopped Matthews in Scotland County and as the officer attempted to question the suspect, Matthews allegedly drove off almost hitting the officer, says Norton.

Holloway gave chase and called for assistance. Norton attempted to set up the roadblock on U.S. 401 about 5.5 miles south of Raeford with the squad car facing Wagram and straddling the yellow line when the truck allegedly driven by Matthews hit the patrol car, says Norton. The Hoke County deputy sheriff was in the squad car at time of impact but was not seriously injured.

Scotland County officers who were pursuing the suspect placed him in custody until Highway Patrolman K.W. Weston arrived and placed Matthews under arrest.

Damage to the Hoke patrol car was estimated to about \$1,000 and the truck was reported as a total loss.

## Bullard Says Pay Victims

"If elected I will support compensation of innocent victims of violent crimes," stresses William R. (Bob) Bullard, Jr., Republican candidate for the N. C. House of Representatives.

"I feel, as a minimum, the state should pay hospital costs and workman's compensation to the victim. The convicted individual's future wages including earnings while in prison should be encumbered to reimburse the state for these expenses."

The Wagram resident and native says, "I don't believe in taxing food or medicine, yet I don't want to dispense with \$70 million tax revenue without completely examining the alternatives. I support revision of the tax system to provide more equity in levying taxes."

The retired U. S. Army lieutenant colonel who saw combat in the European theater in World War II and during the Korean War is a Pembroke State University assistant professor of history.

He holds a master of arts degree in history from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a bachelors degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College and is working toward a doctorate.

Bullard is Spring Hill Baptist Church (See BULLARD, Page 13)



## City Accepts Bids

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**HAPPINESS IS** - This picture of track star Kathy McMillian was taken in May after the Hoke High School girl's track team was honored for winning its third consecutive state championship. Saturday McMillian secured a spot in national competition by setting a new broad jump record. (Chesser Photo)

## Kathy To Go To Nationals

Kathy McMillian set a new broad jump record of 18'6" in a regional track meet in Spartanburg, S. C., Saturday. The old record was 18'5". She competed against student athletes from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina.

She came in second in the 220-yard relay and fourth in the 100-yard dash. She will go on to the National Olympics in Lincoln, Neb. August 2 through 6.

McMillian holds state records in broad jump, 220-yard dash and 880-yard relay team, all set this year while attending Hoke County High School.

Mary Topp, assistant coach took seven Hoke High School girls to the track meet. Raz Autry, school superintendent, Coach Bill Colston and Don Steed, vocational teacher, also attended the meet.

In a special meeting Monday city council accepted bids for street improvements, a garage building and a truck.

City fathers voted to accept \$44,225 low bid on garage building offered by F.R. Bray if the proposal meets specifications and approval of Koonce, Noble Associates, Inc., city project engineers.

The 50 by 75 foot structure is to be located on city land off south N.C. 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.

Other bidding on the project were Myrick Construction, \$50,081; Singletary Bush, \$50,099; and Metal Building Systems, \$56,519.

Crowell Constructors of Fayetteville were awarded contract for street improvements on their low \$32,052 bid for paving, resurfacing and curb and gutter work. Included in the price was an additional bid for 3,720 square yards of three inch black base to build up Oakwood Ave.

Other bids which did not include the Oakwood Avenue work were Ballinger, \$24,342; and Cumberland, \$23,502.

City councilmen authorized purchase of a 1974 truck for the Street Department from Raeford Auto Company for \$5,726 if the firm can meet specifications. If the local firm can not meet specifications the purchase will be made on Red Springs Motors' \$6,608.

Tables for further study was a proposal to permit Southern National Bank to widen Main Street driveway.

The July 1973 through June 1974 building permit report was submitted. It shows 35 permits issued for \$1,201 in fees. Total city construction costs were almost \$1.5 million including \$620,000 residential, \$614,000 industrial and \$192,765 commercial. The largest permit listed in the report is for a \$550,000 industrial construction at Raeford Turkey Farms, Inc.

Twenty - six residential permits were issued, six commercial and three industrial. The two additional industrial permits were to Tar Heel Hatchery for a \$26,000 construction project and Tex Elastic, \$38,000.

Commercial permits included board of education building, Wooley Street, \$107,000; Wes Williams, Day Care Center, Central Avenue, \$30,000; A.G. Walters, Prospect Avenue, \$30,000; C.P. Kinlaw, Main Street warehouse, \$8,000 and McKoy Maxwell, Main Street, \$11,765.

Residential permits were issued to Carson Davis Jr., W.H. Craig, Avery Connell, Crawford Thomas, Fred Foster and Julian Wright.

## Area Incidents

At 4:30 a.m. Sunday, a man allegedly entered a bedroom window in the home of Relone and Odessa McCall, Rt. 3, Box 224A. When the occupant of the bedroom awoke the intruder left by the window and ran through the woods, report sheriff's deputies.

July 9 between 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., someone saw a 24 inch by 12 inch hole in a bedroom floor from underneath Sherrill Riddle's Antioch home. Apparently a knife or other sharp instrument was used to cut the carpeting. Taken were three rifles, two automatic rifles, three shotguns, three hand guns, one an antique, knife, money, clothes, watches, rings and a gold cigarette lighter all valued at about \$723. Also taken was \$130 worth of food stamps, report sheriff's deputies.

July 8 someone reportedly took two space heaters valued at \$140 from the school bus garage on N.C. 211 cutoff.

A lawnmower valued at \$90 was reported missing from the carport of Chester Haley's home, Rockfish, Friday.

A sheriff's report indicates someone broke the front and rear windows on a 1972 car on Rural Paved Road 1134, July 9. The complaint was lodged with the Hoke County Sheriff's Department by Ralph Junior Slate, Antioch.

Raeford's first recorded streaking incident occurred when Deputy Sheriff George McGuire and City Patrolman George Brown spotted a nude juvenile male about 12:30 a.m. July 10, at North Stewart Street at City Park. Reportedly the youth was standing still and did not streak until he realized he had been spotted by the law enforcement officers. No arrest was



**WITH THIS PEN AND THIS COMB** - "You can do an attacker a lot of damage," Sheriff D.M. Barrington, left, tells Mrs. Ernest Campbell extension homemakers safety chairman, center, and Mrs. Grace Andrews, representative for the education department of Raeford Woman's Club, right. Two special interest meetings on personal and property protection will be conducted at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hoke Civic Center.

## Anti-Burglary Meetings Set

Hoke County Extension Homemakers, the Woman's Club education department, and the Sheriff's Department are co-sponsoring two special interest meetings on personal and property protection 3 P.M. and 8 P.M. Tuesday (repeat) at the Hoke Civic Center.

Instructions for protection will be discussed and printed information distributed. This will be helpful to women who live alone and those who

travel alone from time to time. We cannot burglarproof our homes completely but we can do much to discourage unlawful entry. The correct use of weapons will also be discussed and demonstrated.

Area residents may attend and learn how to better protect themselves and their property.

Sponsors urge each interested citizen to invite five additional people to attend with them.

## Kidnap Case Nol Prossed

Notation on a kidnap case scheduled for preliminary hearing in district court Friday indicates assistant District Attorney Randy S. Gregory took nol pros because there was "no substance to the charge - see letter inside (the case envelope)".

Inside is a letter from the alleged victim, Anita B. Patterson, in which she states she was not kidnaped but went

Medlin, 21, of Vass. The warrant in the case was drawn on complaint of Mrs. Patterson's husband, Johnny Patterson of Ashley Heights, and claimed that Medlin kidnaped Mrs. Patterson, July 1.

Medlin who was arrested by Vass Police Chief on the Hoke County warrant, had been held in the Hoke