

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

Winter weather is with us this week, and the temperature is in the twenties Tuesday morning. There was a heavy frost both Monday and Tuesday mornings. According to weather forecasts the thermometer is supposed to start rising again Wednesday. I, for one, hope so and hope we can have the mild weather this winter like we did last winter. This will help a lot as far as the fuel situation is concerned.

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As this is being written, it is only two weeks until the general election. With all the candidates on the ballots and the number of bond issues and other questions to be voted on, a large turnout should be coming at the polls. The way to keep honesty in government is for the voters to turn out and choose honest men or women to run this county, state and nation. As I have said many times before, if you don't vote, then don't criticize the governing bodies in the way they run their office.

While on the subject of voting, if you live in Raeford, the city limits, getting a ride to the polls will not be an excuse this year. I was handed the following information last weekend concerning voters who do not have a ride to the polls.

It follows:

"In an effort to see that anyone wishing to vote gets the opportunity, the Raeford Woman's Club is offering transportation to the polls for those unable to provide their own. This service will be available within the Raeford city limits during the hours of 9-11 and 4-6 on Nov. 5. Call 875-4967 during designated hours for transportation and information."

I think this is a worthwhile project for this club and thank them for the community on their helpful thought.

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J. W. Turlington, principal at the Raeford Elementary School, was by the office last week and was commenting on a fire drill held at that school. The school is composed of second and third grade students and as you know it is a two-story building.

Turlington said that the school held a fire drill and that the students cleared the building in one minute and 13 seconds. He was proud of his students.

I would say that he should be, as the kids show that they wouldn't panic and that the principal and teachers had received a reward for instruction and practice. I hope that it will always be a drill but know-how is a wonderful thing to have just in case.

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The Bucks had a hard night at Pinecrest last Friday night, but they are still capable of bringing the conference title to Hoke High.

This weekend at Hoke High is Homecoming. Friday afternoon will be the homecoming parade, and then that night at 8:00 o'clock the Bucks meet the Clinton Dark Horses at the stadium. This is the big one for the Bucks and most of us think they have the big game in them and will stop the Horses.

So, start preparing now to be at the stadium this Friday night to give a boost to the Bucks and let's go on to the conference title.

Area Incidents

Larcenies Investigated

Complaints of several larcenies were investigated recently by the sheriff's department:

Deputies James Peterkin and George McGuire, on patrol Oct. 10, discovered the lock on Clayton Gore's store had been cut with bolt cutters. Groceries, beer, candy and an adding machine, all valued at \$652.71, were reported missing from the store on Rt. 1, Shannon.

Property damage and theft amounting to \$250 was reported to Johnson Chapel Baptist Church on 211 East on Oct. 10. Windows in the church and a building beside the church were broken and books, a bell, knives and forks were stolen.

Doug Hoad reported larcenies on Oct. 4 and Oct. 14 at his mobile home and shop on airport road. An air conditioner valued at \$250 was taken from the wall of his trailer between Oct. 2-4 and a submerge pump, motor and storage tank valued at \$250 were reported stolen on the 14th.

Woodrow Wilson, Jr., of South Dickson St. reported the theft of a .38 calibre revolver last Thursday.

Benjamin Lacy of Bladenboro reported the theft from his 211 West property Thursday of two wheelbarrows and two shovels, valued at \$131.90.

School Census Continues

The "Count the Children" census continues in county schools this week, with the hours slightly reduced from earlier plans.

The census seeks to determine if all students are getting proper educational benefits, regardless of handicaps or its severity. The information collected is designed to be used to provide better educational programs for children with special needs.

Approximately 150 volunteers have

staffed the schools this week as part of the county census. Due to the large number of volunteers required for the project, the hours have been curtailed, Mrs. Kay Thomas, president of the Raeford Woman's Club which is providing the manpower, announced.

Volunteers to take information from parents about children with special needs will be at McLaughlin, Scurlock, West Hoke and South Hoke Schools from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:30-2 p.m. on Saturday

Kids To Ask

UNICEF Coins

Teenagers will be trick or treating for UNICEF on Halloween, asking for coins for the United Nations children's fund.

Sponsored by the youth groups of the Raeford United Methodist and Raeford Baptist Churches, the campaign is open to all youngsters in grades eight through twelve who want to help.

UNICEF trick or treaters will meet at 6:30 on Oct. 31 in the parking lot of the Raeford United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Stevens

Visits City

Mrs. Allene Stevens, wife of the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, William Stevens, came to Hoke County Wednesday, campaigning for her husband.

A reception sponsored by the Hoke County Republican Executive Committee at the Civic Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday was planned.

Civic Leader, Wife Slain In Early Morn Shooting

Bond Issue Is Pushed At School Open House

The campaign by officials to get the school bonds passed was aimed at parents this week at the traditional open house held at each school.

County schools were open from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday night, and in a letter sent home by students, Raz Autry, county superintendent, invited parents to "go to each of our schools and look over our physical facilities."

Then at 8:30 a program and film at Upchurch auditorium was scheduled to try to rally support for the bond issue. "I know we're making some progress," Autry said. "But I can't tell how much. It's just one of those things we won't know until Nov. 5."

Some opposition has surfaced with ads by Wesley Miller opposing the bond issue.

Autry has already met with most of the clubs in the county, explaining the \$1.25 million bond issue. The revenue is needed to construct additional facilities at the schools, Autry says. Planned is a gym expansion into an auditorium for Hoke High and classrooms for several elementary schools, and a library for West Hoke.

The last school bonds in the county were overwhelmingly approved by voters in 1966 when they voted four to one to pass a \$550,000 school bond issue.

Many Programs Benefit From United Fund Help

Most of the pledge cards have been distributed as the United Fund campaign moves into its second week, drive co-chairmen Mrs. Sarah Leach and Mrs. John Balfour report.

The goal this year is \$19,441.21. Money contributed in the campaign will go to seven programs in the county, including scouts, Red Cross, the White Cane program, 4-H Clubs, Hoke County Rescue Squad and Senior Citizens.

A portion of the campaign funds is earmarked for Carolina United, who will receive \$1,925.21 from Hoke County.

Carolina United is a combination of all the national agencies supported by the United Fund. These include the USO, the Mental Association, Florence Crittenton Services, Children's Home Society, American Social Health Association and Travelers Aid International Social Service of America.

Travelers Aid (TAISSA) provides emergency assistance and protective care to people with problems related to movement, migration and family separation.

The American Social Health Association was established in 1912 to "promote those conditions of living, environment and personal conduct which best protect the family as a social institution." Currently, it is the major national organization fighting the epidemic of VD and is also involved to drug prevention programs.

Florence Crittenton Services, with a home in Charlotte, provides care and services to unmarried pregnant women. In addition to physical prenatal care, the society provides emotional and psychological support to enable girls to make adequate plans for the future.

Children's Home Society provides adoption services and counseling for problem pregnancies.

The USO, with chapters near Ft. Bragg and Camp Lejeune, offers services to men and women members of the armed forces.

Airport Panel Picks Leader

Joe Rackley was named chairman of the city airport committee in an organizational meeting held last week. Co-chairman is William L. Moses and secretary is Larry Upchurch.

The next meeting was planned for Wednesday night.

Turkey Farms Tell Job Shifts

Personnel changes at Raeford Turkey Farms announced this week by Earl A. Budd, president, include a new position in the company along with a change in the present positions.

Sam Copper of Raeford has been appointed sales manager effective Oct. 1, and will be responsible for all commodity and domestic sales. He replaces Ed Manning who is leaving the company Nov. 1 to enter private business.

Charles Messer, formerly general manager of Rich Foods, Newberry, S.C., has assumed the position, reporting to Copper, of further processed and food

A prominent Hoke County civic leader and his wife were shot to death in their home early Saturday morning.

W.T. McAllister, a candidate for the Board of Education in the November elections and his wife, Mary Lee, manager of the cafeteria at Scurlock School, died as the result of "numerous" gunshot wounds inflicted by a .22 calibre automatic rifle, according to Sheriff Dave Barrington.

Jesse Leonard Luckie, 25, of Rt. 1, Raeford, was arrested at the McAllister home in Blue Springs about 4 a.m. Saturday morning. Charged with two counts of murder, he is being held in Hoke County jail without privilege of bond, pending a hearing set for Nov. 1 in district court.

According to Barrington, the shootings apparently arose from a domestic argument involving Luckie and the McAllister's 19-year-old daughter, Ava.

Luckie had been charged last week with trespassing in a warrant sworn out by Mrs. McAllister. The charge was dismissed last Friday in district court, after Mrs. McAllister told assistant district attorney Duncan McFadyen that she had not forbidden Luckie to come on her property before she took out the warrant. She reportedly indicated that she did not wish to take any more legal action against Luckie.

Sheriff Barrington said the shootings took place about 3 a.m. Saturday. Because of the deaths that night of their nephews in an auto accident, they had not gone to bed yet when Luckie came to the house to see their daughter.

Deputy sheriffs Henry Bowen and George McGuire were called to the home about 3:20 a.m. and the sheriff arrived with medical examiner Dr. Riley Jordan shortly after that.

The body of McAllister was found in the dining area, the sheriff said, and the body of Mrs. McAllister was across her husband's.

According to the sheriff, Ava McAllister witnessed the shooting of her parents.

McAllister had been active in county affairs and in local Democratic politics. He was chairman of Blue Springs precinct and was vice-president of the United Fund this year. Employed at McCain Sanatorium, he had recently been elected to an office in the State Employees Association. McAllister held offices in the United and Independent Credit Union, the county chapter of the NAACP and was active in the North Carolina Voter Registration project.

The McAllisters were both active in the Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

A joint funeral for the McAllisters and nephews McAllister Leggett and John W. Cunningham was scheduled for 3:30 Wednesday in Upchurch School auditorium.

broker sales. Messer and his family will be moving to Raeford soon.

Budd also announced the new position of production-sales coordinator, which will report to the president. Harold Brock, who has held many management positions with Raeford Turkey Farms over the past ten years, has been named to the post.

A new office to handle all export and military sales was opened in Virginia in July. Budd also announced. This office is headed by Dick Driver who was formerly export-military sales manager for Rockingham Poultry.

Bicentennial Goal

Love Of Heritage, Hope For Future

A revival of interest in the American heritage and pride and hope for the future are the aims of the reorganized Bicentennial committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr., were recently appointed to head the committee, to succeed Mrs. Ruth McEachern.

"Thank you for the opportunity you have given us to serve the county," they wrote the county commissioners. "We will give this appointment our very best to try to bring a revival of interest in the American heritage and pride and hope for the future."

The emphasis will be on the commemorative aspects of the Bicentennial, Mrs. Davis stressed. "This is a once in a lifetime thing and

we want everybody to get involved," she said.

Preliminary plans tentatively call for the observance to center on several areas, such as the religious aspects of the Revolutionary era, the festival commemorations, the school observances and the dedication of the library.

The library project will be carried out under the direction of the library committee, she said, while the Bicentennial committee will take on other aspects of the celebration.

"We hope that the children will get really interested," she said. "If we can get them to know what the bicentennial really is."

One of the projects planned is to establish a community calendar where

all programs related to the Bicentennial will be listed.

"We also hope people who have any information on the old families in the county, buildings, places, history or what have you, to give it to the committee. We'll compile it."

The re-organized committee met for the first time last week. Other committee members are Mrs. Richard Neeley, Mrs. J.M. Andrews, J.A. Hunt, the Rev. John Ropp, John D. McAllister, H.L. Gatlin, Mrs. D.R. Huff, Jr., and Mrs. Ruth McEachern.

Regular committee meetings were established for 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

At the meeting, the library See BICENTENNIAL, Page 15