

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

J.M. (Sam) McGougan of the Mildouson section was by the office last week and had more information on Governors that had visited Hoke County.

He said that the late Gov. Kerr Scott visited and spoke in Hoke on two consecutive nights in the late 40s, Scott spoke first to the Ruritan Club at Mildouson School and came back to Raeford the next night and spoke to a joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs of Raeford.

Mrs. Truman Austin called also last week and said that Gov. J. Melville Broughton was here in the early 40s. This was also confirmed by a few other people that said he spoke at the high school.

I recalled the Scott visits but was off at war when Broughton was Governor.

Maybe this has completed the list but if anyone knows of any other Governor to visit the county while in office come forward and let us know.

I read the following last week and believe that it is worth printing:
"The tragedy of life is not death but what dies inside a man while he lives..."
Norman Cousins.

The Christmas season will soon be upon us and with the economical condition like it is this year, many people will be short of funds. Every year clubs and organizations along with many individuals give to families less fortunate than themselves. I ask again this year that all families be cleared through the Social Services Department so that every family will be taken care of.

This has been done before and I believe that it can be done again this year. If you haven't contributed in years past, now is a good time to start.

Let's try to see that every family in the county at least has enough food for the holidays.

Today (Thursday) is Thanksgiving and all the news that comes to us in newspapers and over the television is telling us that hard times are ahead. To some they are not ahead but are with us. This is true, but on the other hand we have so much to be thankful for in other ways.

We are at peace and even if some of our people are in the armed services you don't have the worry of yesteryears.

So instead of looking to the bad side, try to think of the many blessings that have come to you during the past year and then all of us can have a Happy Thanksgiving.

YDC Draws Some Interest

About 20 persons have expressed interest in forming a Young Democrats Club, according to one of the organizers, Warren Pate.

The first meeting will be set sometime in December, Pate said.

An active recruiting program will be started to enlist members, he said. YDC membership is open to Democrats 18 to 35 years old.

Thanksgiving Worship Planned Wednesday

The United Methodist Church in Raeford is the host for this year's area interdenominational Thanksgiving service, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Raeford Ministers Group, the annual Thanksgiving service is open to persons of all faiths.

The Rev. John Ropp, pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church, will give the sermon. Rev. B.V. Childress, pastor

Employment Rates Could Be Better But Cash Registers Are Ringing

Man Dies In Fire

A South Hoke man died and another escaped without injury Friday night when a fire raged out of control at a rural residence.

North Raeford Fire Chief George Baker said the body of Alonzo McLaughlin, Sr., 63, of Rt. 1, Box 655, Red Springs, was found on the kitchen floor of his home. The cause of death will be determined pending the state coroner's examination in Chapel Hill, Baker said.

Robert Miller, who had been in the house, was roused by McLaughlin's wife, Amelia, who returned home to discover the house in flames shortly before 6 P.M., Baker said. Miller got out safely but Mrs. McLaughlin was unable to reach her husband because of the flames, the chief said.

The Hillcrest and Raeford Fire Departments were called to assist. The house and furnishings were termed a total loss.

Baker said the cause of the fire is undetermined. An investigation is continuing.

Rose Lease Discussed

Raeford's newly appointed airport committee met Nov. 13 and 20, in an effort to resolve continuing problems at the city airport.

According to minutes available of the Nov. 13 meeting at city hall, the committee approved recommendations for rewording portions of the city lease recently signed with Paul Rose.

The lease with the operator of a flying school was approved at the November city council meeting.

The airport committee agreed to recommend that portions of the lease be omitted that allowed the city to change Rose's boundaries with six months notice and allowed Rose an equal amount of land in exchange or to reduce his rent at his option.

They also revised a portion calling for Rose to submit a financial statement and detailed plan for developing the leased portion of the airport.

In addition, the airport committee suggested that city manager John Gaddy confer with both Rose and Gene Thacker, who operates a jump school and club at the airport, concerning the radio frequency to use at the airport.

The need for a graded, grassed taxiway alongside the runway was also discussed.

Minutes for the Nov. 20 meeting were not expected to be available until next week.

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

How fortunate we are to be living in a land that has been blessed with such great abundance for so many years. As each family gathers around the table this Thanksgiving Day, there'll be choruses of "oohs" and "aahs" over the beautiful turkey Mother has prepared and the bountiful spread before us. When you stop to think about it, we have a lot to be thankful for—

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GENTLY - Rescue Squad members place the victim of a car-train collision, Tuesday, on a stretcher.

Man Hurt In Wreck

A man was critically injured early Tuesday morning when the car he was driving struck a freight train at the West Prospect St. crossing in Raeford.

The victim was tentatively identified as Jesse Winston of Shannon. Members of the rescue squad worked for about 15 minutes to free him from the wrecked car and he was then transported to Moore Memorial Hospital.

Eyewitnesses at the 8:40 A.M. accident said Winston apparently did not see the train and swerved the car too late to avoid the collision. He was alone.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said the warning lights at the intersection were working.

The Aberdeen and Rockfish train was enroute to Raeford from Aberdeen traveling at a slow rate of speed.

A spokesman at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst had no information on the extent of the man's injuries.

Sales Taxes Are Reported

Local sales and use tax collections in the county for Oct. amounted to \$20,414.44, according to state revenue reports.

The total for the quarter ending Sept. 30 was \$58,136.84. Net proceeds were \$57,633.96, after deducting the cost of collection set at \$.865 per \$100.

Autry Stresses Parent's Right To Examine Child's Record

A new federal law giving parents the right to examine their child's school record probably won't change things much in Hoke County.

Raz Autry, county school superintendent, said he has always strongly supported a parent's right to see the cumulative record.

"The way I feel about it personally and the way I have practiced is that the parent has the right to see his child's record. It's his child."

Autry said that, according to his information, most of the school systems in the state were waiting for specific guidelines from the attorney general's office. He said the Hoke County school system would probably formulate a

definite policy after receiving more information.

Autry said the new law, passed Nov. 11, a parent may examine his child's cumulative record or a person 18 or older may see his own. The cumulative record contains grades, IQ and aptitude scores, teachers' comments and similar information. It usually is transferred from one school to another with a child.

"I've told teachers to be very careful about the type of information they write on that record," Autry said, noting that some information could be damaging to a child.

Autry said that school records are never released to any other person or agency without permission from the parents.

Burlington Promotes Three Here

Burlington Apparel Fabrics Company has announced three management appointments at its Raeford operation.

John R. Biddix, former plant manager, is transferred to the division's dyeing and finishing group staff. He is succeeded by F. Gilbert (Gib) Bernhardt as plant manager.

Phil T. Nordan has been appointed superintendent of dyeing, succeeding Bernhardt.

Biddix had served as plant manager since April, 1974. He is a native of

Marion and a graduate of Western Carolina. He joined Burlington in 1963 and had served as superintendent of dyeing at the Raeford plant prior to being named manager. He is married to the former Janice Nuckolls of Marion, and they have three children. They are members of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Bernhardt is a native of Salisbury and a graduate of East Carolina University. He joined Burlington in 1968 and was superintendent of dyeing at the plant

before being named manager. He is married to the former Donna Ludwig of Faith, and they have two children. They are members of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Nordan is a native of Coats and a graduate of North Carolina State University. He joined the company in 1972 and previously was technical superintendent. He is married to the former Dianne Earnhardt, a native of Monroe, and they have two children. They are also members of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

While the economic outlook for Hoke County could be brighter, things may not get much gloomier before Christmas, area employers cautiously report.

Meanwhile, a sampling of Raeford merchants report few problems in Yuletide sales.

However, applications for food stamps and public assistance are at a record high, social services officials report.

The three textile plants, Hoke's largest industry, report plans at least from now until Christmas to hold operations about at their present level.

George J. Lovett, Jr., personnel manager at Knit-Away, said the plant anticipated full operations through Christmas.

"We have not had any reduced time up to now," Lovett said. "We aren't hiring but we're not firing to amount to anything."

Lovett said Knit-Away would be closed eight days for Thanksgiving, from Nov. 26-Dec. 3.

Ashwell Harward, personnel manager at Burlington Dye, reported employment at the plant was holding steady, following layoffs several weeks ago.

"We plan to hold what work force we have now," Harward said.

He explained that cutbacks were common in the dyeing industry and were somewhat unrelated to the general economic slowdown.

"These things go in cycles with us and it just happens that this year is one of those years. It is a habitual thing from time to time."

Tex-Elastic's personnel manager, Horace Stogner, said Tex-Elastic has had temporary layoffs lately.

"We'll rotate, on a week, off a week. Things are going slow now, but I look for it to pick up after the first of the year," he said. "Maybe not completely, but some."

Bob Gentry, personnel manager at Burlington Worsted reported employment as steady.

"We are holding fairly good and anticipate a five day week," he said. "We've been fortunate in hourly wage employment. We probably haven't laid off more than 10 or 12."

"We've had to rotate some workers, to work three weeks and off a week, but it looks pretty steady," he said.

Requests for food stamps and public assistance are up this fall in the county, according to Ben Niblock, county director of the Department of Social Services.

From mid-July to the end of October, there were 310 new applications for food stamps and 45 new requests for aid to families with dependent children (AFDC). In addition, 11 AFDC applications have been received for medical assistance only.

Niblock said figures were not available yet for November.

"By the end of the month, I'm sure we'll have 2800 people getting food stamps," said Niblock. "This is the highest we've ever had."

During one month last year, he said, 2500 persons were on food stamps.

Unemployment figures during the past year show a slight rise in the number of persons employed in the county and a sharp rise in the percentage of unemployed.

John McCormick, assistant manager of the N.C. Employment Security office in Fayetteville, said that figures for September, the last available, showed Hoke unemployment at 8.4 per cent.

Compared with last year, 150 more persons are employed, to give a work force of 7,650 but the percentage of unemployment has risen 4.3 per cent.

A new employment survey is underway in the county now, he said, but "figures won't be available for another two weeks."

William Clark, county supervisor of

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Thanksgiving

A DAY TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

