



PLAYGROUND VANDALISM - Many of the swings at the playground at Robbins Heights could not be enjoyed by the children early this week because they had been battered by vandals and left in twisted jumbles high in the air. One was found broken.



\$500 CHECK - R.B. Lewis, president of the Bicentennial Library Fund, shown on left, accepts a \$500 contribution from Wendell Young, Hoke County Extension Specialist. The money was a recent award to the county for placing first in the 'R-6-P' contest sponsored by the state extension service.

Farm Items

By W. S. Young & Phil Ricks
County Agricultural Agents

Farmers are more interested in XXX nematode assays this year on their farm lands. Costs of production have gone up and it is important that yields per acre be increased. This assay is one tool that will decide if chemicals are needed for nematode control. Returns have come back for the Balfour farm, Hayes Brothers Farm and several Farm Service Company farms. Reid Childress also is in the process of sending in samples. The cost is one dollar per sample, but returns can be good if nematode control is needed. The types of nematodes are identified in each sample. This helps to decide on the proper rotation of crops. You will need all the management tools

possible in 1975.

The County Agents office has blanks that will help you get information together about your land utilization that must be given in during tax listing. This includes information on crops harvested, livestock sold and on hand and all types of poultry on the farm. This will save you considerable time if they are filled out correctly before going to the tax listing office.

This information is necessary to have up to date about agriculture in our area. I hope you will give the information as accurately as possible. On the farm counts are made during the year to keep the information up to date.

You can't control wild garlic in winter wheat until next spring, but with possible chemical shortages you may want to secure them this winter. Treatment can be well worth the cost, considering the high discounts of the past season. Use of 2,4-D or a combination of 2,4-D and Dicamba have given fairly effective control. Materials should be applied after the wheat is fully tilled and before jointing.

Legislators Give Views On Up-Coming Session

The three State Representatives from the 21st District came to Raeford Tuesday and agreed that they appreciated Hoke's vote and welcomed the opinions of their constituents.

They spoke and answered questions at a luncheon at the Civic Center hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

David Parnell of Parkton, who will take his first term when the Legislature convenes later this month, saw the greatest problem facing lawmakers to be the financing of state government with declining revenue.

"It looks like the demands will be greater and the funds will be less," he told the group.

Parnell outlined some of the demands such as the financing of the East Carolina medical school and the proposed veterinary school. Salary increases and the rising cost of education would also face the Legislature, Parnell said.

Henry Ward Oxendine, an attorney from Pembroke, put his legal background to use in viewing the upcoming session.

He has requested assignment to the insurance committee, he said, as he said he believes there are many inequities in the insurance laws. Oxendine said, however, that he did not know enough about no-fault insurance to have formed an opinion yet.

Oxendine said he also opposed the expansion of the state prison system. "From a dollars and cents point of view, we ought to look for other solutions," he said. He suggested split sentences, with some active time and some probation, as a possible solution and also said he felt more judges and courts were needed.

Money would be a problem, Oxendine agreed, and said he did not foresee either a tax increase or a tax cut. He would not support the repeal of tax on food unless it were part of a package proposal to compensate for the revenue lost, he told the group.

Joy Johnson, Representative from Fairmont who is beginning his third

Service Personnel

Navy Lieutenant Commander Jerry Baker, Jr., whose wife Letha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Brewer of Rt. 1, Shannon, has returned to Charleston S.C., aboard the destroyer escort USS Bowen after a deployment to the Mediterranean.

During the cruise he participated in training exercises as part of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, and visited ports in Spain, Italy, Sicily, France and Morocco.

A 1965 graduate of Pembroke State University, he joined the Navy in June 1965.

Army Private Joseph Melvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Melvin, Rt. 3, Raeford, completed eight weeks of basic combat training at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Veterans Corner

Q - I was discharged about 25 years ago after three years of military service. Is it too late to apply for a GI home loan from the Veterans Administration?

A - No. There has been no deadline for applying for this benefit which is available to veterans of World War II and later periods since enactment of the Veterans Housing Act of 1970.

Q - Does the compensation check I receive monthly from the Veterans Administration for a 20 per cent service-connected disability include allowances for my children?

A - No. A veteran's service-connected disability must be rated 50 per cent or more before allowances can be paid for dependents.

Merchant Bowling

Webb's Opens Up Lead

By Larry Long

Webb's Tire has opened up a five-game lead this week over Marks' Food, as the teams move into the second half of the bowling season at Lafayette Lanes.

In the action last Thursday, Webb's swept four games from McNeil's, Marks' Food ran into a hot crew from Kermit's Barbecue and Kermit's picked up three wins, out of the four games. WSHB whitewashed Hollingsworth's Barbers four to nothing, while Oakwood Laundry moved into the fifth spot by turning back the B.C. Moore team three games to one. Raeford Auto sacked the City of Raeford three games to one.

The high 200 game last week went to Larry Lunsford for Kermit's with 221. Others hitting the 200 mark last week included Harold Campbell, Raeford Auto, 220 and 201; Gerald Lupo, Kermit's, 215; Coy Jackson, Moore's, 215; Harry Walters, Webb's, 214; Wayne Sealey, Oakwood, 211; James Nixon, Webb's, 205; Tim Cannon, Webb's, 204; Thad Marks, Marks', 209 and 200, plus the high series for the night, 577. Marion Hollingsworth for the Barbers turned in a 201; Billy Posey, Marks', 200; Henry Kiger, Marks', 200.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Webb's Tire	47	21
Marks' Food	42	26
City of Raeford	39	29
WSHB	38	30
Oakwood Laundry	37	31
B.C. Moore's	35	33
Raeford Auto	29	39
McNeil's	28	40
Kermit's Barbecue	24	44
Hollingsworth	21	47

TOP TEN BOWLERS

Jesse Taylor, Marks', 178;	Thad Marks, Marks', 177;	Waylon Fulk, Webb's, 176;	Billy Posey, Marks', 173;
James Nixon, Webb's, 172;	Harry Walters, Webb's, 172;	James Gay, McNeil's, 172;	Mackie Carter, Oakwood, 169;
Bob Canady, Oakwood, 168;	Coy Jackson, Moore's, 168;	Harold Campbell, Raeford Auto, 166;	John Cannady, Oakwood, 166.

This week's schedule: Webb's Tire battles Oakwood, Marks' tangles with

WSHB, City of Raeford meets Kermit's, B.C. Moore's vs the Barbers, McNeil's meets Raeford Auto.

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