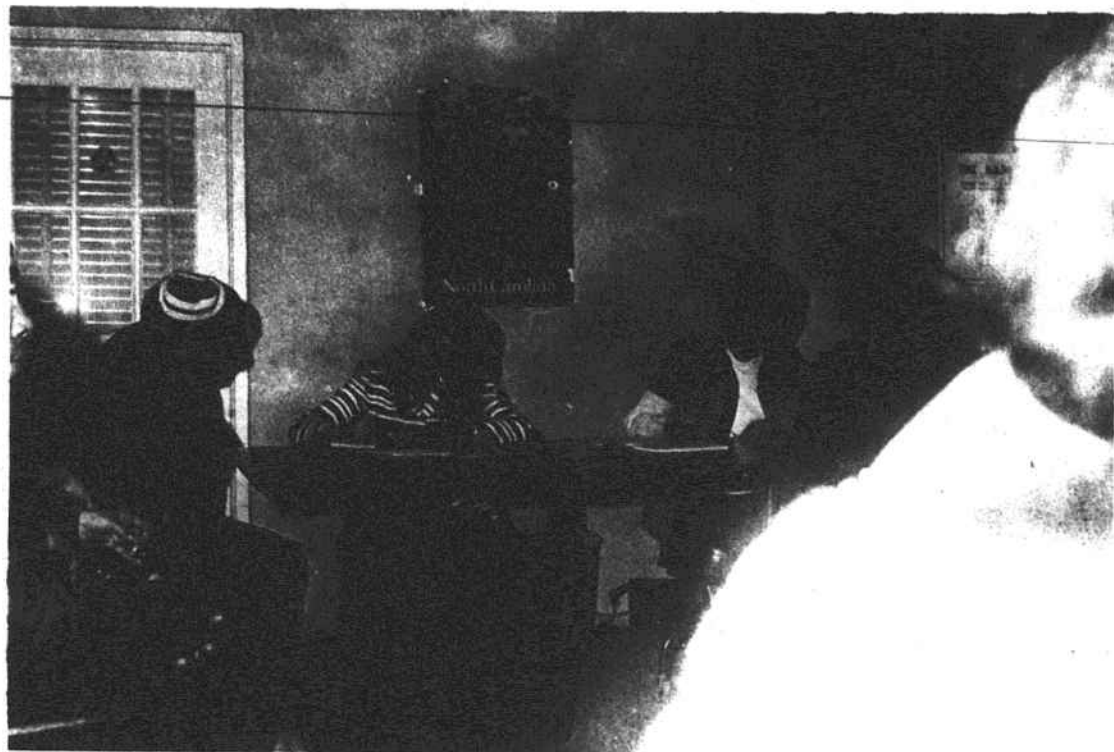




PERFECT - A cloudless sky and light winds made Jan. 7 perfect flying weather and nearly twenty planes were at the airport about noon, waiting patiently for their pilots to take them aloft.



BUSY - Crowds at the Employment Security Commission here kept interviewers Martha Murphree (left) and Irene Bryant busy until late afternoon. Due to the increase in applicants for unemployment compensation, the Hoke County office will be staffed every Tuesday for an indefinite period.

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Doctors Set For Seminar

Dr. Robert G. Townsend, Jr., and Dr. Riley M. Jordan of Raeford are among 120 Tar Heel physicians who will hear the latest information on high blood pressure - the silent disease which affects over 500,000 North Carolinians.

A panel of 12 experts and the participating doctors from across the state will meet for an intensive two-day North Carolina Heart Association Physician Hypertension Seminar January 23 and 24 near Raleigh.

Improved detection and treatment of high blood pressure are the goals of the seminar and a continuing education program. The doctors will instruct hospital medical staffs in their own communities on information they received at the seminar.

Service News



SP4 Steven Allen Harris has been transferred to Frankfurt, Germany for the remainder of his Army enlistment.

The specialist was formerly assigned to the 8th Ordinance Company at Ft. Bragg.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bethea of Raeford.



Airman Ronnie Monroe has completed 432 hours of a vehicle technical course at Chanute AFB, Ill.

He will be stationed at Nellis AFB in Nevada.

Airman Monroe, a 1974 graduate of Hoke High, is the grandson of Delton Monroe, Rt. 3, Red Springs.

Schofield Barracks, Hawaii - Army Staff Sergeant Benjamin McRae, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coston T. McRae, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, completed annual training tests at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii.

Sgt. McRae is a radar section chief in Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division's 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks.

The test determined the unit's combat readiness.

Army Private Robert A. Graham, 19, son of Mrs. Jacqueline Evans, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, completed eight weeks of advanced individual training as an armor reconnaissance specialist at the U.S. Army Armor Center, Ft. Knox, Ky.

He received instruction in the use of various kinds of weapons, maintenance of armor vehicles, map reading, communications, artillery adjustments and mines and demolitions.

McCain Staffer Trains At ECU

GREENVILLE - Eighteen employees from the North Carolina Department of Correction, Division of Prisons, are enrolled in the Institute of Correctional Administration at East Carolina University.

Attending from Hoke is Jimmy D. Bullock, employed at McCain Correctional Center.

The Institute at ECU is conducted as a training program for personnel in the state's prisons and correctional centers.

Participants are currently engaged in full-time studies in the area of corrections and will continue their studies at ECU for the entire winter quarter.

The Institute is sponsored by the ECU Department of Social Work and Correctional Services of the School of Allied Health and Social Professions.

SCS Activities

F. O. Clark, District Conservationist

Some of my earliest memories are of hunting on our home farm. Hunters from the town nearby often came by to enjoy Dad's company and the abundant farm wildlife.

But I recall, too, the time my father asked two hunters to leave our farm because they had not asked permission to hunt. Dad never denied permission to any hunter who first stopped at the house. Yet he always insisted on knowing who was on the farm and for what purpose. I've hunted most years since that time and have found that Dad's displeasure with uninvited guests is shared by most men who till the soil.

Today's farmer has more legal backing in the control of trespass than he had 40 years ago. Laws are more restrictive on the sportsman and are more widely publicized. Enforcement of trespass laws is much improved.

Some farmers post their lands as a means of encouraging sportsmen to ask permission before going onto the land to hunt or fish. Others feel that the signs give them an additional legal backing in trespass control. This is true in some states, but in others the trespasser is subject to prosecution whether the land is posted or not.

Basic in a posting is the landowner's desire to know who is on the land. Also, if damages result from the presence of sportsmen, he wants to talk to those responsible. Imagine the frustration of the farmer who finds dead stock, broken fences, or other mischief and can't find out who did it.

I am sure it never occurred to my father to charge a fee for hunting or fishing. Even today some farmers appear reluctant to charge for access to publicly owned crops of wild game.

Others, however, use fees as a means of controlling the numbers of those who want to hunt and fish on the farm. By doing so, the farmer can better regulate the harvest of wild animals to assure a continued supply. A few farmers charge as compensation for past or anticipated property damages. Others charge a fee to pay the cost of improving wildlife habitat on the farm.

Farmers and ranchers produce the bulk of the wildlife and much of the

fish that is harvested each year and usually without undue expenditure of their time or funds. But game production is intentionally promoted by thousands of farmers across the nation who devote land and water to the exclusive use of wildlife. These farmers are protecting natural habitats of squirrels, ducks, deer, and many other game and nongame species from damage by livestock and other agricultural activities. And they are improving additional thousands of acres by providing food, cover, and water for the use of wildlife. In this way they help meet mounting pressures for hunting and fishing opportunity.

Despite present efforts of management, the size of the annual wildlife crop may vary widely.

Game crops are high or low and hunting and fishing success good or poor depending upon the weather and a great many other factors.

Although good management cannot guarantee abundance every year, it tends to assure better crops from year to year.

Farmers can get Federal cost-sharing aid through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for selected habitat improvement practices - such as planting food patches, planting trees and shrubs, or building ponds, marshes, and watering places for wildlife.

Technical help for habitat improvement on farm and other rural lands is available through the Soil Conservation Service and other Federal and State agencies. Some agencies provide materials such as fish for stocking ponds, planting stock of trees and shrubs, seeds. With the technical and financial help now offered, farmers are creating and improving wildlife habitat at a growing rate. Sportsmen who respect the landowner's rights and property - and particularly those who help pay for the wildlife improvements - are increasingly welcome to harvest the wildlife produced.

The above is a reprint from the 1967 Yearbook of Agriculture. If you need more information or assistance please come by your local Soil Conservation Office in Raeford.

'Lunacy' Hearings Criticized

District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree called for the state legislature to change existing procedures for the commitment hearings of mental patients, commonly called "lunacy hearings".

"It hurts me like hell to see these people brought here," Dupree said Friday after a hearing with a disturbed 20-year-old woman.

Dupree expressed concern the patients may be placed under greater stress by being required to make the trip here instead of having their hearings in Raleigh.

Persons who are initially committed to Dorothea Dix hospital under a petition approved by a judge must be given another hearing before they can be committed for 90 days. At the end of that time, another hearing must be held to extend the commitment to six months.

Dupree cited a recent case of a mother of several children, who, when brought from Raleigh, became highly distraught.

"She came completely undone," Dupree said. "She cried and cried the whole time."

The judge also said taxpayer's money could be saved by moving the hearings to Raleigh.

"It costs the county four trips. The deputy has to go get the patient, bring him here, then drive him back, and return. If the hearing were held up there, the deputy would only need make two trips, to take all witnesses to the hearing, and then bring them back."

Sheriff D.M. Barrington concurred with Dupree's complaint of the expense. "Figuring 85 miles each way, that's about \$22 in gas," the sheriff said. "And, figuring the time involved, my deputy is out at least eight hours."

Warning Made On Ad Scheme

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten issued a warning Monday to manufacturers and lawyers about an invoice-type advertising scheme which may involve mail fraud.

"We're referring our records and complaints on both firms to the Postal Service immediately," Edmisten said.

Edmisten said his office has received complaints from recipients of the notices from two publishing firms seeking payment for services not rendered or ordered.

He named invoice solicitations from Reid Publications International Ltd., Hong Kong, implying they owe \$785 for listing and advertising in "Manufacturers Universal".

The lawyers notice was from Directory Advertising Co., Wichita, Kansas. The "cost" is \$94.40 per year.

The notices look like invoice computer cards and advise the recipient to "return form with check" for listing in an annual business and professional directory.

"The notices could easily be mistaken for bills. Any attorney or businessman, the firm's bookkeeper or secretary could inadvertently pay the "bill" on the assumption that there is an existing obligation to pay, when such, of course, is not the case," the Attorney General said.

Edmisten said the business practice is an apparent violation of postal regulations.

A case involving invoice solicitations sent to North Carolina doctors was referred to the Postal Service two months ago.

Phone Firm Trims Plans

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has announced a construction and expansion program of \$61 million for 1975.

J.F. Havens, company president, said that this program is less than had been planned earlier because of declining housing starts and an expected lower growth rate of telephones.

Construction expenditures will be monitored closely, Havens said, and will be increased when there is evidence of a return to more normal growth rates.

The budget represents an investment of about \$234,000 for each working day of the year.

The United Telephone System, third largest in the country, of which Carolina Telephone is a member, will invest \$340 million for new facilities during the year in 21 states.

The largest item in the Carolina Company's 1975 growth program will be additions to local and long distance outside plant facilities throughout the company's area, which will require an expenditure of \$23.2 million.

A total of \$18 million has been allocated for additions to local and long distance central office equipment.

Another large item of expense will involve telephone station apparatus, associated wiring, and specially designed systems for business customers - a total of \$16.6 million. Expenditures for land, buildings, and general equipment will amount to \$2.6 million.

These expenditures are expected to increase Carolina Telephone's plant investment to \$546.4 million by the end of 1975. It is anticipated that the company will gain 1,754 long distance circuits for a total of 91,208 circuit miles in 1975, and approximately 50,000 telephones.

Locally, major expenditures by the company for outside plant facilities and central office equipment will include \$223,000 in Raeford.

Postal Jobs Open

The post office at Red Springs is accepting applications for two jobs, a clerk-carrier and a substitute rural carrier. Applications will be taken until Jan. 30.