

Around Town

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I believe that more flu has been reported this week than last. It is still not bad enough to be called an epidemic. The weather is not helping the situation any at this time of the week. One day it will be freezing and the next couple of days the thermometer will be in the high 60s.

I hope that the sickness will stop and that the weather will either remain hot or cold. Anyway, take every precaution that you can.

The Hoke High School basketball team is having a fine season, and, at this writing, is 14-0 for the season.

The pressure of a winning streak is hard to overcome and sometimes it makes you try a little harder, which can lead to errors. Not only are the boys under pressure, but the coach must try to get his team up for every game and must also try to offset this pressure on the team.

Congratulations and keep up the good work.

The first girls' basketball team in a number of years at the high school is also having a fine year. Congratulations go to them, too.

Frank Crumpler was by the office recently and had a list of articles that belonged to the estate of S.M. Gillis. The list was dated March 4, 1880.

The list contained 17 articles and the total price listed for the articles was \$20.45.

Some of the articles and prices are as follows:

- Lot of shovels, hoes, etc. 35
- One cart 2.85
- Bed and bedspread 75
- One horse 4.00
- Lot of chairs 1.00

I don't believe you could buy any of these articles now for the price of the entire list.

From polls and reports it would seem that a majority of the people in this country would rather have gas rationed than have the price of gasoline raised. Of course, the best course of action cannot be determined until one or the other is tried. Whichever way is put to the test will put hardships on most of us in one way or another.

I don't know which would be better, because experts are on both sides in this issue, but I will say that to keep the gas lines of last year away, we should try something. If one doesn't work, then try the other.

Most people want the problem solved but as usual, solve it by cutting other peoples gas and not mine.

Congratulations to Ashwell Harward for being named the Kiwanis Club "Citizen of the Year". Ashwell is one that gets the job done when put to the task.

Sewer Tests Will Smoke City Drains

An engineering study of the storm sewer system may smoke up city drainpipes in the next few weeks, but it's nothing to worry about.

For the next several weeks, personnel from the sanitation department and Moore, Gardner and Associates, Inc. will be investigating the sewer system to detect storm drain pipes and roof drains that are connected to the city's sanitary sewers.

These connections are undesirable, an employee of the engineering firm explained, because during heavy rainfall they take rainwater from the streets, parking lots and buildings to the wastewater treatment plant.

The unnecessary water overloads the plant and upsets the treatment process, he said.

To detect storm drain connections, smoke is blown into the sanitary sewer system. Any smoke leakage from the system serves to indicate points where storm water can enter.

During the testing, the firm warned against becoming alarmed at smoke escaping from roof vents or drain pipes



CITIZEN - Ashwell Harward (left) is presented the "Man of the Year" Kiwanis citizenship award by the Rev. Jack Mansfield.

Kiwanis Taps Harward For 'Man Of Year'

Ashwell Harward was honored as the Kiwanis "Man of the Year" at the annual ladies night program held last Thursday at Southern Pines Country Club.

Harward, personnel manager of Burlington Dye Plant, was commended for his civic and religious contributions to the community. The Rev. Jack Mansfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church, made the presentation.

Harward has served as vice - president of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce and has been a C of C director for many years. He has long been active in the United Fund Drive and is president of the budget committee.

A member of the Booster Club, he was chosen as Booster of the Year in 1970 and for years was advertising chairman of the football programs.

A member of the Lions Club, where he has twice been president, Harward has had 19 years perfect Lions attendance.

He is active in his church, where he serves as chairman of the board of deacons and as Sunday school superintendent at First Baptist Church.

Harward and his wife, Eleanor Myers Harward, have two children: Benny, a graduate of Western Carolina now employed by the state and Mary Nell, an Appalachian graduate now teaching in Winston-Salem.

The Kiwanis award is presented for outstanding contributions to the community. The "Man of the Year"

does not have to be a Kiwanian or even, necessarily, a man, as Miss Josephine Hall was honored several years ago.

Membership awards were given for a total of 164 years of perfect attendance. Marion Gatlin, with 31 years; Dr. Julius Jordan with 22 years and Jake Austin with 21 years attendance all received awards.

Others honored for attendance were Harold Gillis, 12 years; Avery Connell and Benny McLeod, 11 years; Frank Crumpler and Bill Moses, nine years; Jim Attaway, Joe Jenkins and Neill McDonald, eight years; Bob Childress and Ernest Sutton, three years; John Nicholson and William Niven, two years; Bernard Bray, Lawrence Bounds, Verdell Hedgppeth and Younger Snead Jr., one year.

The award for best program of the year, was presented to Earl H. Oxendine, who arranged a talk by Adolph Dial, of Pembroke, Dial, an author, spoke on the history of the Lumber Indians.

Graham Pope, who was president last year during the club's 50th anniversary year, was given a plaque for presenting an unusual program at the anniversary meeting.

Mrs. Pauline McFadyen, in a reading, related school day experiences. Guests included Mrs. McFadyen, Mrs. Annie McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blue and Randy Huggins. The president of the Hoke High Key Club, George King Jr. and Mary Margaret Sawyer were also guests.

Stockpiles Of Food Wait For A Disaster

Case upon case of food is stored in Hoke County, ready to be used in an emergency.

44,234 pounds of biscuit type crackers and 3,708 of a rock candy - like carbohydrate supplement are stashed at McCain Hospital, Burlington and Hoke Cotton Warehouse, waiting to be moved to fall - out shelters here.

The supplies were packed in 1964, during the heyday of civil defense fall - out shelters. They were delivered to the county in 1970 - 71. First aid and sanitary kits are included in the stores.

Now that the emphasis on civil defense has lessened, what good is that mountain of uneaten food tucked away in warehouses?

William T. Niven, county co-ordinator of civil preparedness explains:



CHECKING - William Niven, county civil preparedness co-ordinator, checks the dates on the cartons of emergency food stored in the county.

"We have it here and as long as the food is good, there is no point in destroying it," he said.

However, Niven said there was little else that could be done with the food, should county officials ever decide to dispose of it.

"We could feed it to the hogs," Niven said.

The food is not suitable for distribution to the undernourished in the county, he emphasized.

"Some suggestions have been made on television that this food might be given out to poor people but that's not a good idea.

"You could live off these things if you had to, but they're a last resort. That's what they are designed for. They aren't any good for, say, supplementing the local food stamp program, because they aren't what you'd want to eat."

Niven said the food and other supplies are checked every six months by federal inspectors. Deteriorated supplies are destroyed. However, he said, the crackers are holding up well.

"There is a rancid odor as soon as you open the box," he said. "But if the crackers are left open, that smell goes away. They can still be eaten as emergency rations."

Several cases were waterdamaged in storage, he said and were destroyed.

Niven pointed out that the emergency rations have not cost the county anything. They were distributed by the federal government at no cost and storage space has been donated.

"We are very fortunate in that respect," he said.

The federal government has discontinued the food stockpiling program, Niven said, but in an emergency, food can be taken from retail stores and the merchants are to be reimbursed.

Now the stockpiles are most often used to send emergency food to disaster

Youths Given Five Years In Negotiated Guilty Plea

Tot Killed By Car

A two-year-old child was struck by a car and killed Tuesday afternoon near South Hoke School.

Charles Jacobs died at Scotland County Hospital. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Verzell Jacobs of Rt. 1, Red Springs.

Highway Patrolman F.W. Coen, who investigated the accident, said the driver, James Donald Russell, 27, of 605 North Stewart Street, did not see the child until after the boy had been struck.

While Russell was watching two

youngsters on tricycles on the left side of the road, he heard a thump beneath his car, Coen said, and assumed he had hit a dog. He checked his rear-view mirror and saw the child, who had come from his right, sprawled in the road.

The accident happened about 1:50 p.m.

The child's death marks the first traffic fatality of the year in Hoke County.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Crumpler Funeral Home.

Light Bills Raise Ire

"I can't use any less," she said, shaking her head. "Not unless I quit burning any at all."

The subject was the soaring cost of electricity.

Mrs. Elaine Rogers of Raeford gets her electricity from Carolina Power and Light Company. In the last few months, her bill has climbed from \$11 to more than \$37, she said.

Like most people, she has taken steps to cut down on usage lately, but said it hasn't helped.

"We don't burn lights like we used to. Now, if there's no one in the room, then that light isn't on."

The porch light, once left to burn at night, is cut on only when someone comes to the door, she said.

The increase has stretched an already overburdened budget. "I don't know how we're going to manage," she said.

The Rogers' three-bedroom home is empty during the day, she said. A water heater, television and refrigerator are the major electricity users.

"I let the sun shine in the windows more," Mrs. Estella Shaw of Rt. 3, Raeford, said. She is also a CP&L customer.

Mrs. Shaw, who lives alone, said her bill has gone from an average of \$4 a month to more than \$12.

She said she has also cut down on the length of time the television is turned on.

Kenny Chavis of Antioch, also on CP&L, said he has seen his bill climb from \$22 a month three or four months ago to nearly \$40 now, despite economy measures such as cooking only one meal a day on the electric stove.

The bill for his eight-room house

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Hoke To Get More Money

Hoke County has received an additional grant for public service jobs, County Manager T.B. Lester said Monday.

The county will get \$52,027 now instead of the original allotment of \$38,095.50.

Lester said response has been good for the jobs available and that a number

of applications have been received. Thirteen jobs were available under the original grant with most of the openings being for clerical or janitorial help.

Lester said he did not know yet what jobs would be created with the additional money. The funds will be divided among the city, county and schools.

More Buy Food Stamps

More than 20 percent of Hoke County residents are now receiving food stamps, Ben Niblock, county director of the department of social services, said Tuesday.

The number qualifying for food stamps climbed in the first three weeks of January by 111 new families or 548 persons, to make the total for the county 3,650.

This is roughly 22 percent of the population, Niblock said, however, that the number of persons buying food stamps will drop if the proposed regulations go into effect March 1 to require food stamps to cost 30 percent of the family

income.

Niblock said many single persons or couples buying food stamps will only save \$1-\$4 under the new regulations. This will eliminate many from the program, he said. Most in this category are elderly persons, according to Niblock.

Increasing the amount that must be spent to buy food stamps will probably save considerable money, Niblock said, but he feels the move is unwise.

"The use of food stamps frees an extra amount of money that can go into the economy in other ways, like paying utility bills or the car note or buying something," he said.

Cases scheduled for trial Monday in the term of Superior Court were quickly disposed of through plea bargaining, and presiding Judge James H. Pou Bailey congratulated one attorney for "striking a very good bargain".

A 15-year-old and two 16-year-olds charged as adults for attempted rape and kidnapping in connection with a December, 1973, abduction of two 14-year-old Raeford girls, were sentenced to five years in prison in a negotiated plea.

James A. McCrowe, Ricky McMillian, and Charles Bullard were sentenced as youthful offenders after Judge Pou Bailey gave his approval to an agreement worked out between defense attorney Philip Diehl and District Attorney E.W. (Ed) Grannis, Jr. The kidnapping charges were dropped.

The youths, who have remained in custody over a year while Diehl attempted to have their juvenile status restored through a series of appeals, could have received 15 years in prison.

Diehl said after the proceedings the three could be paroled as early as mid-March, since much of the time spent awaiting trial is counted.

The attorney also said a ruling is pending from federal court which could overturn their convictions and return the case to a juvenile court.

In another negotiated plea, a 16-year-old admitted housebreaker was termed "a one-man crime wave" by Judge Bailey and sentenced to 15-20 years in prison.

Roosevelt Woods, Rt. 3, Red Springs, pleaded guilty to two counts of felonious larceny, breaking and entering, and receiving stolen goods. The state agreed to drop a fifth charge of breaking and entering.

Woods was named in connection with the Dec. 28 burglary at the home of county commissioner James A. Hunt. All but \$200 taken in the break-in was recovered.

Woods, who has juvenile record for breaking and entering and larceny, was sentenced to ten years in prison on one count and received a 5-10 year term on the other three.

A young Florida couple arrested last August in connection with the seizure of nearly 25 pounds of marijuana were given suspended one year sentences and placed on probation three years in a negotiated plea.

James M. Falscroft, 21, and his wife, Shannon, 25, were former Raeford area residents. The state dropped a second charge of misdemeanor possession of cocaine pending against Falscroft, but Assistant District Attorney Duncan McFadyen argued unsuccessfully for an active jail term.

Observing that the defendant "looks like he's doing life on the installment plan", Judge Bailey sentenced a young father to 12-15 years for his involvement in six felonies.

Billy R. Locklear, 23, pleaded guilty to three counts of breaking and entering and larceny and three counts of receiving. Locklear's attorney, Warren Pate, requested a work release

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TRAGEDY STRIKES TWICE - The charred ruins of trailers burned in two separate fires stand side by side in Bowmore. Samuel Gates escaped the devastation of his first trailer sometime last year, but died early Saturday morning in the fire that destroyed his second home.