

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The annual Hoke High School Key Club barbecue supper will be held Thursday, March 20. The feed will be held at the Gibson Cafeteria at Hoke High from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any Key Club member or any member of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, who sponsors the Key Club at Hoke High. Tickets are \$2.00 and \$1.25 for the meal.

The money is used by the Key Club for projects it promotes during the year. So, for a good meal and plenty of fellowship, make plans to attend the supper Thursday, March 20.

If anyone plans to attend morning worship service at the Raeford Presbyterian Church in the next week or so, don't go to the church. Due to renovation of the sanctuary, services are being held at the Raeford Elementary School. Sunday School is still being held at the church every Sunday morning at 9:45.

The ACC basketball tournament at Greensboro last week turned out to be one of the best. After six games had been completed and a champion crowned, only 20 points was the difference in the scores of all six games.

Carolina and Maryland will go on to the regional finals and N.C. State had an invitation to the NIT tournament but turned it down.

East Carolina also got a bid to go to the regionals, so plenty of local teams are fighting for the crown.

The AP rankings were out Tuesday morning and four teams from the ACC were in the top 20. Three were in the top ten. They were Maryland, Carolina and State. Clemson was in the top 20 and also is playing in the NIT.

This is a fine showing for the ACC and North Carolina basketball.

A few weeks ago I mentioned in this column a phone call from a local reader concerning the condition of our roadsides in the matter of beer cans, trash and other things people so carelessly throw from their cars.

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, deals with the same subject.

Dear Mr. Morris:

As Hoke County Extension Homemaker Citizenship Chairman, I would like to thank you for your recent comments in "The News Journal" concerning our road sides. I agree that we need to stop littering, and I would like to go one step further and ask each Hoke County citizen to pick up trash even if you did not throw it down. Citizenship is "What you do with the chewing gum paper when no one is looking". Someone has not been a good citizen when trash has been thrown down. Can you be a good citizen and pick up any trash you see even if it is not on your property? If we don't get busy we will all be living in a land fill that is on top of the ground. I would like to ask our law enforcement officers to enforce litter laws a little more.

Recently a couple from Raleigh passed through Hoke County and commented on our unsightly highways. This is not the type of comments we like to hear.

Will you please pick up trash and encourage your neighbors to do the same, even if it has to be done every day?

HOKE COUNTY CITIZENS LET US TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COUNTY AND CLEAN IT UP AND KEEP IT THAT WAY.

Sincerely yours,
Bertha Hendrix
Citizenship Chairman
Extension Homemaker

Schools Get Impact Aid

A \$49,893 grant has been approved for Hoke County schools under the federal aid for schools in federally affected areas.

School officials were notified Monday by the office of Congressman Charles Rose that the HEW grant had been approved.

The money, which is allotted annually, is always used to supplement teacher's salaries, school superintendent Raz Autry explained.

A total of \$37,419 will be paid to the county immediately, Autry said, and the remainder will be received in the next fiscal year.

Crowd Urges Housing At Meeting Tuesday

There is no substitute for public housing, a Farmer's Home Administration official said Tuesday night, while a housing expert from the state Department of Natural and Economic Resources recommended that the city's dormant housing authority be rekindled.

The men spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of about 60 persons at a meeting on low income housing.

The public hearing was arranged by Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill in response to a group who met recently with the city council to ask that the housing authority be reactivated. Most of the city and county officials attended, although the county commissioners had to leave soon after the meeting began to attend a previously scheduled meeting.

Thurman Burnett, supervisor from the state FHA office, explained several of the FHA housing programs, including multi-family rental units. However, none of the FHA plans will benefit the lowest income groups he said.

"Our loans must have a sound business basis," he said. "We must be able to collect our principle, plus at least one per cent interest."

The FHA rental program has been widely used recently, he said, but again it will not serve the lowest income groups.

"Our rental housing program serves exactly the same people as our home loans do," Burnett said. He estimated rents would have to range from \$106 to \$180 per month to meet costs on a rental complex built under the FHA program.

"When you're talking about helping the low income groups, public housing is the only thing that will do it."

Area Incidents

Burglar Surprised, Jailed

Sheriff's deputies arrested a suspected housebreaker after he fled from a Bowmore residence March 5, apparently surprised to find himself confronting the occupant.

Colin Lovette, P.O. Box 34, Raeford, reported to deputies he was awakened by a knock on the door, and while dressing, heard glass breaking and saw a man enter the kitchen.

According to the report, when Lovette shouted, the man fled and jumped into a 1964 White Ford. Lovette told deputies he fired at the vehicle as it took off.

Later, deputies arrested James N. Murphy, no address listed, and charged him with breaking and entering.

In other incidents, deputies on routine patrol discovered a break-in at the Old Trail Grocery on Highway 401 shortly after one a.m., March 3.

Paul Robinson reported an undetermined amount of change stolen from the cash register and a bank bag. Eight cartons of cigarettes were also taken. Entry was made by breaking the glass in a front window, according to the complaint.

W.A. Blue, Fayetteville, told deputies he discovered the theft of farm machinery valued at \$1,575 from his farm near Tylertown.

Mrs. Bertha A. Lovette, Rt. 1, Shannon, reported her garage was entered sometime between Feb. 27 and March 1 and a lawnmower, washing machine, pot, and charcoal grill taken. The loss is listed at \$887.22.

Mamie R. Smith, Rt. 1, Raeford, complained her home was entered sometime between 10:30-30 p.m. March 4, and a radio valued at \$25 stolen. Entry was made by forcing a latch on a rear door, according to the report.

Evelyn Cummings, Rt. 4, Red Springs, complained her house was entered sometime during the day Friday, and a thief helped himself to four chickens in a freezer. Entry was apparently made through an opened window.

Lawrence Stanton, Raeford-Hoke landfill manager, reported the office door was broken March 10 and slightly over twenty gallons of gas stolen, according to the meter. Two five gallon cans were also listed as missing.

City police reported a car jumped the curb in front of the Super Dollar Store on Main Street Saturday morning, breaking a plate glass window to the store.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said Mrs. Mary Crosby McGirt, 111 W. Donaldson Ave., pulled into a space in front of the store about 8 a.m., and left the car with the motor running.

Mrs. McGirt told police she believed the gear was in 'park', but the car, a 1964 Ford station wagon, crossed the curb and struck the window.

No injuries were reported. Damage to the window was placed at \$350.

Police were called to the Knit-Away plant about 6:35 p.m. Sunday night when a security guard reported seeing a man stealing hubcaps in the parking lot.

The suspect reportedly drove away in a car carrying two small children. No

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DEATH WRECK -- Two children died in the wreckage of this smashup and the driver was pronounced dead on arrival.

Driver Accused Of Deaths In Collision Near Antioch

The driver accused of killing three persons in a collision near Antioch Saturday night is free on \$2,000 bond to await a preliminary hearing March 28.

William Lowery Jr., 21, of the Wakulla community, is charged with three counts of manslaughter and one count of careless and reckless driving.

Victims of the crash were identified as James Calvin Stultz of Rt. 2, Red Springs; and two brothers, Michael Chavis, 11 and John Ray Chavis, 13, of Rt. 2, Red Springs.

The boys' parents, Riley Ray and Minnie Chavis, were admitted to Southeastern General Hospital with undetermined injuries.

Also injured were two passengers in the Lowery vehicle, Charlie Ray Brooks of Rt. 2, Red Springs and Calvin Ray Brooks of Rt. 3, Red Springs.

Stultz, driving a '68 Pontiac, backed his car

from a church yard onto rural paved road 1436, near the Robeson County line, according to Highway Patrol Trooper K.W. Weston.

The Lowery car, a '68 Sporty Javelin, struck the Stultz vehicle in the left passenger area, killing the Chavis youngsters instantly. The boys were sitting in the back seat, Weston said.

Stultz died on the way to the hospital. Weston said he was told by witnesses that the Lowery car was traveling at a high rate of speed in the center of the road when it hit the Pontiac.

A number of persons saw the accident, he said, because a church meeting had just concluded.

Five persons have died in traffic accidents in the county this year. Four of the deaths occurred on the same rural road, just off N.C. 211 to the left.

Post Office Is Stopping Gen. Del.

There will be no more General Delivery after April 1, the Raeford Post Office has announced.

Postal authorities said the service is intended to be used by persons in transit, and will no longer be extended to local residents.

Permanent residents who have been using General Delivery service should arrange for a route delivery or apply for rental of a post office box, a spokesman said.

Doctor Recruiters Following Up Leads

A committee set up by the Chamber of Commerce to recruit physicians to the county is studying three courses of action, Chamber directors were told Tuesday.

The committee includes Gene Carter, Benny McLeod, Walter Coley and Dick Lovett.

One lead came from a former Raeford resident, Chamber Manager Harold Gillis reported. Mrs. Estelle Hollingsworth Paschall sent information concerning a new family medicine residency training program at Duke. She is now secretary to Dr. William J. Kane, director of the program.

Gillis said the committee will contact the 18 residents now in training and attempt to interest them in coming to practice in Raeford. Presently there are only two doctors and one dentist in private practice here.

Three residents scheduled to complete training in June are already committed elsewhere, Gillis said, but the six who will graduate in June 1976 and nine who will complete training the following year will be contacted.

Other plans include further study of the National Health Service program, such as the clinics now being operated in Maxton, St. Pauls and Bladenboro, Gillis said.

And, he said, the committee hopes to discuss with county officials the possibility of jointly obtaining a physician for the county health center. Under this plan, Gillis explained, a doctor would practice at the health center part of the week and have a private practice also.

The group hopes to attract a minimum of two doctors to the area.

The directors also discussed Chamber efforts to find a tenant for the Continental Yarn Corporation building in Rockfish.

The plant, which was built three years ago by Rockfish Enterprises, is now owned by Business Development Corporation of Raleigh, the holder of the first mortgage loan.

The yarn company, which had hoped to hire some 70 workers, went out of business about a year ago.

Gillis said the Chamber has had several inquiries about the plant, which contains about 27,563 square feet with an additional 9,640 square feet in an adjoining old school building.

Four Autos In Pileup

City police reported a rearend collision set off a four car pileup early Monday morning at the West Prospect and Fulton Street intersection.

According to Police Chief Leonard Wiggins, a car heading west on Prospect about 7:55 A.M. was stopped at the light, preparing to turn left onto Fulton. Three other cars were in line, also headed west.

Wiggins said a Toyota driven by Mrs.

Jean Smith Hill, Rt. 1, Aberdeen, was traveling west on Prospect and ran into the rear of a 1971 Chevrolet operated by Betty C. Cribb of Raeford.

Mrs. Cribb's car then struck the rear of the car in front of her, a 1973 Plymouth driven by Richard B. Sage of Greensboro.

The Plymouth then hit the back of a 1975 Pontiac, operated by Curtis W. Pickeral of McLeansville.

The car waiting to turn was the only one to avoid the accident, Wiggins said.

Four persons received minor injuries in the collisions.

Mrs. Hill, and her four year old son, Pat, and Mrs. Cribb, and a passenger, four year old Jennifer Cribb, were treated by a Raeford doctor and released.

Police estimated damage to the Toyota at \$800, the Chevrolet \$900, the Plymouth \$800, and \$650 to the Pontiac.

Wiggins said Mrs. Cribb was cited for following too closely.

Woman Hurt At Post Office

A young woman received minor cuts when she walked into a plate glass window near the entrance to the post office Wednesday morning.

A spokesman at the post office said the unidentified woman was treated at Raeford Medical Clinic.

The window was boarded up after the mishap until the glass can be replaced.