

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather is still unsettled as this column is written, and it had rained all night Monday. I hope before too long that it will settle off and all crops can be put in the ground. There are many other reasons for fair and warm weather.

I received back from the post office a letter marked address unknown that was mailed to a member of the class of 1935. The letter was addressed to Mrs. E.W. Walls, nee Mazie Norton, on Rural Route, Garner. The address didn't include the route number or box number, so this must be the reason for the return.

Someone said that you have to have the color of the house and number of children in the family to get a letter through now. I do believe this as most of the time you just have to put the age of the person.

Anyway, if any reader knows the address of the above please contact the writer.

While on the subject, the class of 1934 would like to know the addresses of Mildred Polston and Ruby Dunn, who were members of that class. If you can be of assistance, please write to either Clyde Upchurch or Mrs. Graham Clark, Raeford, N.C.

The Raeford Jaycee Walkathon was a great success both from the standpoint of the number of walkers and the amount of money raised for crippled children. The amount of money was close to \$11,000 and the number of walkers was approximately 650. I would say this was really a success for a county the size of Hoke, when the state only raised a little over \$300,000.

Congratulations are offered to all the Jaycees and especially to the committee in charge of this event for a job well done.

Many rumors are going around concerning a few of the walkers, and I will try to find out the truth by next week and bring it to you straight.

This county has had heavy rains, bad hailstorms and tornadoes to hit, but these, in the minds of some of our citizens, weren't anything compared to the disaster of the Family Restaurant changing opening time from six to eight a.m. You would have thought that some of these people had lost everything they owned as they lamented about the changes.

I don't drink coffee and guess I can't understand how this could be such a disaster. So, I went out to the restaurant to put in my two-bits worth for these patrons of the past ten years. But to no avail.

I was told that if some husbands in the county "would get a stick and use on a sleeping wife, a husband could have coffee at six a.m." I agreed with this, as far as the coffee goes, but they might have a doctor bill for dessert.

Another lady said the group didn't go out to the restaurant for coffee but to gossip. After reviewing in my mind the patrons of this early morning coffee group, I am of the conclusion they wouldn't have a word harmful or good to say about anyone. Maybe they all assemble to keep anyone from talking about the other.

I am still looking around for six o'clock coffee for this group and ask the help of the readers of this column to try to solve this problem because the disaster worsens.

It's Official

Hoke A Bicentennial Community

The county was officially designated this week as a Bicentennial community. The announcement was made Tuesday by the office of Congressman Charles Rose.

John Warner, head of the American

Footsore Walkers Raise \$11,000 In Jaycee Walkathon Saturday

Club To Sell New Numbers

The Hoke County Jaycees will sell house numbers in Raeford Saturday to raise funds for club projects.

The charge for new numbers, including installation, will be \$2. Club president Harold Brewer and project chairman Willie Jacobs discussed the plan the last city council meeting and got the backing of the council.

For additional information, call 875-5742.

Widow Sues Other Driver

The widow of a Robeson County man killed in an auto accident near Antioch last month is suing the driver of the other car for \$75,000.

In a complaint filed in district court here April 4, Mrs. Rose Ellen Stultz is asking for \$50,000 compensatory damages and \$25,000 punitive damages from William Lowery, also of Robeson County.

Calvin Stultz was killed March 8 when the car he was driving collided with the Lowery vehicle. Two young boys riding in the car driven by Stultz were also killed.

According to the complaint, Mrs. Stultz contends that Lowery was driving at a high rate of speed and without due caution, when his car struck the one her husband was driving as he pulled from a churchyard onto a rural paved road near the Robeson County line.

Lowery was charged following the accident with three counts of manslaughter. His case was continued in district court last week.

Judge Hobgood Calls Grand Jury Early To Correct Indictment

Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood has ordered the Hoke county grand jury members summoned for next Monday, a week early, due to an error discovered in one of the two murder indictments returned on Jesse Leonard Luckie last November.

Hobgood, who will preside over the first week of a Superior Court session beginning April 28, said it was brought to his attention by the district attorney's office that one of the murder indictments contained the wrong month, September, as the date of the crime.

Luckie, 25, was arrested for the killings of W.T. McAllister and his wife, Mary, at their home in Blue Springs last October 19. Originally scheduled for trial in January, the case was continued while Luckie underwent a diagnostic study, and trial was set April 28.

Hobgood said a new bill of



CHECKPOINT - Hoke High coach Howard Smith (in hat) pauses a moment with students as they approach the Armory checkpoint on the second leg of the cerebral palsy Walkathon that raised \$11,000 Saturday. About 650 walkers participated.

By Convict

Sheriff Sued For \$300,000

A man serving an armed robbery sentence in Central Prison has filed a civil lawsuit against Hoke County Sheriff Dave Barrington for \$300,000 for alleged civil rights violations.

William Franklin White, convicted last fall of the June 6, 1974 robbery of the Hoke ABC store, filed a handwritten petition last week in federal district court in Raleigh.

Also named as defendants are Superior Court Judge Donald Smith, former District Attorney Jack Thompson and White's defense attorney, Doran Berry. Although the petition is unclear, presumably White is asking for \$300,000 each.

White charges that Barrington kidnapped him at gunpoint in Cumberland County and arrested and

searched him without a warrant. As a result, items found in his car were later used against him in his trial. He also charges that Barrington refused to advise him of his rights at the time of arrest, although White said he asked to be advised, and that he was photographed and fingerprinted without a lawyer being present, although he requested one.

White also contends in the suit that his rights were violated when he was lodged without a warrant in a regular cell rather than in a holding cell.

In his petition, White also alleges that he asked his attorney to excuse a juror who knew him as a family member from a previous court case. Berry told him he was probably wrong, White contends, and allowed the juror to remain.

White charges that Judge Smith erred in allowing several articles to be used as evidence against him.

In addition to the \$300,000, White asked the court to forbid interference with his mail and to prohibit any punishment for filing the petition.

Barrington's attorney, Palmer Wilcox, after meeting with the co-defendants last Thursday, said he would file an answer denying the allegations and would probably ask for a dismissal.

White is suing the defendants in their official capacity and as individuals.

Dinner Opens Cancer Drive

A dinner to kick off the 1975 Cancer Crusade will be held May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hoke Cafeteria and Gym.

The featured speaker will be Albert Long, youth evangelist from Durham. Long will be familiar to Hoke County.

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Library Gets Zoning Okay

The zoning board of adjustments gave the go-ahead Monday to build the library without meeting city parking requirements.

At a meeting called at the request of the library board, the zoning committee headed by Jimmy Conoly approved a variance in the ordinance that requires one off-street parking space for every four seats within the building.

The variance was based on securing permission from the school board to use school land between the proposed library and the Methodist Church for parking, if needed. Ralph Barnhart, chairman of the library building committee, said he must now get a letter of agreement from the school board.

The zoning variance clears the way to consider final building plans. Fundraising efforts to collect the last approximately \$30,000 are continuing.

Sixty Are Employed Now Under Federal Program

Wages paid under the federal emergency employment program amounted to \$21,511.39 in the county last month.

Approximately 60 persons are now employed with the schools or with the city or county government.

The program which is funded through August, was passed by Congress to meet rising unemployment. Jobs are limited to persons who have been unemployed at least 30 days.

A total of 28 employees have been hired by the school system, in jobs ranging from janitorial to teacher's aides.

The city employs 22, including street maintenance, dog warden and clerical jobs.

The ten county positions are mainly

clerical and maintenance. Eight persons hired under the program since February have quit.

Public service employees include Linda S. Ray, National Guard unit clerk; James Knight, city street maintenance; Thomas E. Allen, delinquent tax collector; Philas R. Johnson, teacher's aide; Gloris C. Murchison, teacher aide; Marilynn W. Thomas, teacher aide; Roy S. Douglas, city maintenance; Thomas L. Barnes, city maintenance; Larry Beasley, city maintenance and Virginia B. McPhatter, teacher aide.

Also hired are Joseph S. Stanton, city maintenance; Joan F. McLaughlin, SCS clerk; Herbert McLean Jr., school maintenance; James Lide, city

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Phillips said the record time for a walker was made by a Hoke High track team member, Carnell Andrews. Andrews made the walk in two and one half hours.

Phillips said the only casualties were blistered feet. "We saw some walking barefoot, with their shoes over their shoulders", he said.

He said the complete results will not be tabulated until a couple of weeks, but awards will be given for special recognition.

"Right now, we're pretty sure (Chief of Police) Zeke Wiggins had the most", Phillips said. "\$501.00 we got for him".

The Jaycees plan to present certificates to the walker with the largest amount pledged, and also to the walker with the most sponsors.

The school with the greatest percentage of students taking part will receive a certificate.

"We had an extremely good turnout from Upchurch and Hoke High", Phillips said.

The Walkathon began from the high school stadium and looped around the county, with checkpoints at Gentry's Tire Service, the Armory, Upchurch School, Turnpike Road, and Bethel Church. No mishaps with traffic were reported and Phillips praised the support given by law enforcement agencies.

Angela Locklear, a second grader at Raeford Elementary and one of about ten county residents afflicted with cerebral palsy, kicked off the march by addressing the walkers at the stadium. Angela, who has had two operations and walks on crutches with braces on both legs, thanked the sponsors.

"I hope someday I can walk, too", she said.

The walkers got underway about 8:45, some of the more enthusiastic participants starting out at a jog, and the last ones reached the end of the route by about 3:15 P.M., Phillips said.

Water and refreshments were provided at the checkpoints also the route, with rescue squad members, Jaycees and National Guard volunteers helping out to assist some foot weary walkers who developed blisters.

A spaghetti dinner was served back at the stadium at the completion of the walk and entertainment was provided by the Raeford Parachute Club with a jump exhibition.

Phillips indicated the walkers had developed hearty appetites, as nearly everyone "was glad to sit down and have a plate of spaghetti and a soft drink".

The walkers are now in the process of contacting their sponsors and collecting pledges, Phillips said, and he expects to complete a report in about two weeks.