

Around Town

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The rain is still appearing about every day but it is not what it was last week. I hope that it will fair off and that farmers will be able to gather their crops. On the news Monday night, from reports it would seem that the changes of fair weather are good. Anyway most of the mud holes around town are dry at the moment.

Let's hope they will stay that way for awhile.

The first Arabia Golf Club open tournament will be played this weekend. The play on Saturday will determine the flights for Sunday. You do not need a starting time Saturday, so go on out and play a round and see what flight you will be in Sunday. Of course you will be informed about your starting time for Sunday sometime Saturday night. Prizes will be given to the first four winners in each flight and the flight winner will receive a trophy.

The course is in excellent shape and a good tournament is expected. So if you want to play, either go by the club house or call Brown Hendrix at the club.

The bids were opened last Thursday for the new library building to be built on Main Street and Donaldson Avenue. From all indications the bids were somewhat lower than some expected. This is welcomed news to the building committee and maybe the work will start before long.

This does not mean that money is not needed, it is. So if you haven't made a contribution to the library fund, or have one and have been holding back, now is the time to come forward with it.

We all need the library for Hoke County and the library fund needs you.

The Fifth District Softball tournament got underway Monday night and from the looks of the cars parked at Armory Park, a large crowd was in attendance. This is a double elimination tournament so don't give up on your favorite team if they drop a game.

There are eighteen teams from Robeson and Hoke County entered in the tournament which will run for two weeks.

I hope the rains will stay away and the tournament will be successful. All proceeds will go to the Raeford Kiwanis Club to be used for the local civic projects. So go out one night and see good softball played.

If anyone knows where a copy of the book, "The Murder of Simeon Conoley" can be found, they should contact Mrs. Roy Conoley. The phone number is 875-3588. She would like to have the book to aid in compiling the Conoley history which she is writing. Thanks.

Kathy did it again. That is Kathy McMillan. She won the long jump at Durham in the games with West Germany and Pan-African Countries. Her jump of 21 feet put her in first place. Congratulations.

Raz Autry said that it made one feel good to hear the announcer say McMillan from Raeford, N.C. before the large crowd and especially before the many newspaper and radio people there from all over the world. I would say that Kathy has been the best "Good will Ambassador" from Hoke County and Raeford that has come along in many years. Maybe in my lifetime.

Everyone should be proud of her and should be pulling for her in the meet in Montreal, Canada this weekend.

Good luck, Kathy.

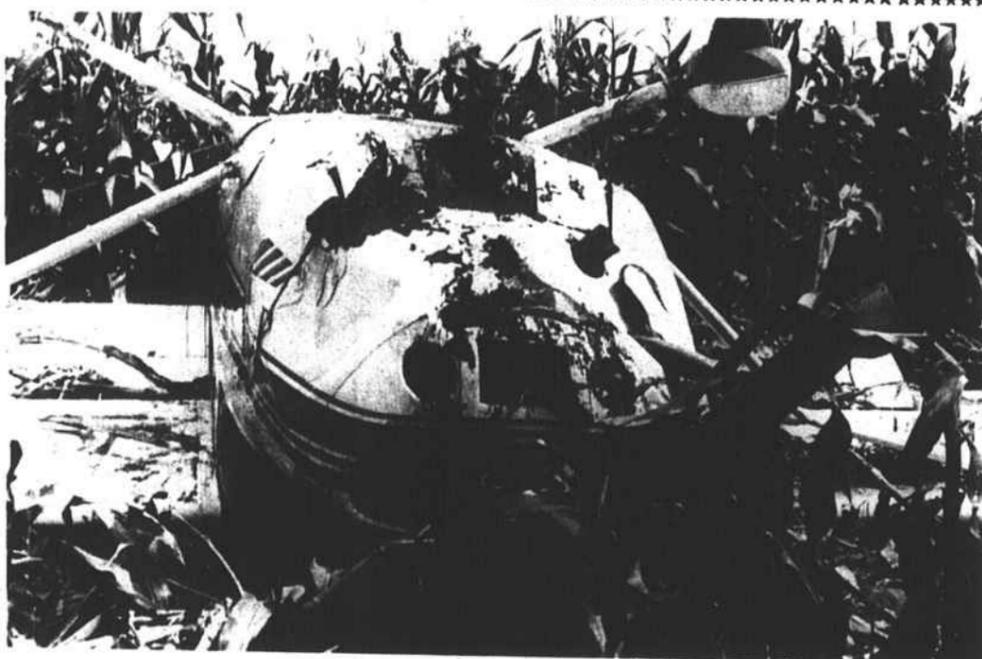
Bloodmobile Here Aug. 6

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in front of the Methodist Church from noon until 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 6.

Clyde Upchurch, County Red Cross Chairman, expressed a need for a good turnout, as the Red Cross has supplied a large amount of blood to Hoke County patients since their last visit.

Low Bids Opened

Library Price Tag Held Down



CRASH—Cause of the crash of this Cessna 182 near the airport Monday is being checked by FAA investigators. The two men on board were not injured.

Two Okay In Crash

Two men escaped injury when their plane developed trouble after takeoff from Raeford Airport and crashed into a field Monday afternoon.

Deputy Harvey Young said the plane, a Cessna 182, was piloted by Don Beach of Fayetteville and left the airport after noon enroute to Oklahoma.

Young said Beach told him the engine stalled out at about 100 feet, and Beach tried unsuccessfully to bring it up but continued to lose altitude.

The aircraft just cleared the treetops, Young said, and crashed into a cornfield about a mile southeast of the airport.

Beach and a passenger, Bill Wilkinson, also of Fayetteville, were uninjured and got out of the wreckage safely.

Young said the craft came down on its landing gear, flipped once, and came to rest upside down.

Young said the plane appeared to be a total wreck, but made no estimate of damage. The craft was leased by Raeford Aviation.

FAA investigators were scheduled to examine the plane Tuesday to determine the cause of the accident.

Sealed bids on the new Bicentennial library building were opened last week and overall figures announced were well below the \$300,000 originally estimated.

Low bids for all major work totaled \$269,064. The Chisholm Construction Co. of Rockingham submitted the low bid on the construction of the building with a \$206,925 cost.

Low bids on the rest of the project were announced as plumbing, McGirt's Plumbing and Electric Service of Maxton; \$11,866; heating and air conditioning, Coggins Heating and Air Conditioning of Sanford, \$29,973; and electrical, Bobby Townsend Electric Co. of Lumberton, \$20,300.

Bids on furnishings for the building were not opened, as only two were received by the deadline. A minimum of three bids must be received on each contract, and another bid-opening will be scheduled at a later date.

"It appears we are under our estimate," Tom Hayes of Hayes-Howell Associates, architects for the project, said.

Representatives from 19 firms and spectators crowded into the conference room of the courthouse annex for the readings. The general slump in the construction industry and the large number of bidders were credited with holding projected costs down.

Architects have 30 days to review the bids and specifications, and the contracts are expected to be formally approved by the county commissioners next month.

Architects fees will add nine percent to the cost of the project, commissioner Tom McBryde said.

T.B. Lester calculated the fee to be about \$25,000.

Mrs. J.M. Andrews, chairman of the library board of trustees, and Ruth McEachern, past chairman of the library building committee, were pleased at the announcement of the bids.

"We feel very fortunate, not only at the bid, but because we are feeling considerably more encouraged about completing the fund drive," Mrs. McEachern said.

"We probably won't have the \$100,000 by the 8'th, but we expect to have some pledges and we will be very close," she said.

The building fund drive, with a \$100,000 goal to match the county's contribution of \$200,000, is being accelerated as the August 8 date for groundbreaking ceremonies approaches.

Recent donations to the fund have come from the Ashmont Development Fund, Ashmont Grange, the Turnpoint Home Demonstration Club, Shiloh Presbyterian Church, and Ashmont Extension Homemakers.

R.B. Lewis, treasurer of the fund, reported Tuesday about \$81,000 has been collected thus far, and more pledges are expected.

Trio Caught After Chase

Three suspects were apprehended following a high speed chase between Raeford and Rockfish by Sheriff's deputy Harvey Young late Tuesday afternoon after a reported break-in at a Rockfish Road residence.

One man in custody was identified as Stacy Lowery, 18, of Fayetteville. Several hundred dollars in property was recovered, including a gun.

No further details were learned.

Man's Death A Suicide

The death of John Nicholson was ruled an apparent suicide by Scotland County Sheriff B. P. Lytch Friday.

Nicholson died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound from a .22 caliber pistol, Lytch said. A note was found in the man's car.

Nicholson, 46, an official of Raeford Auto Company, was reported missing by his family after he was absent from his job since July 10, Hoke County Sheriff D.M. Barrington said.

Scotland county authorities found his body on July 16 about 200 feet from his car in a wooded area west of Hwy. 15-501. He had been dead four to five days, Lytch said.

The body was sent to Chapel Hill for an autopsy and Lytch's ruling followed two days of investigation here with Hoke county authorities.

Five Hurt In Wrecks

Five people received minor injuries in two wrecks in the city over the weekend, Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

A 1967 Plymouth driven by Bobby R. Chavis of Red Springs pulled out from Stewart Street into the path of a 1975 Plymouth driven by Alphas G. Pittman of Murfreesboro, Tenn. about 11:15 p.m. Saturday Wiggins said.

Wiggins said that the Chavis car struck the Pittman car on the right side, causing about \$500 in damage to the Pittman car. Damage to the Chavis car was put at \$850.

Three people were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital with minor injuries, Wiggins said.

Wiggins said Chavis was charged with an unsafe movement violation.

A second accident occurred at the corner of Main and Donaldson when a motorcycle ridden by Gary M. Hill and Michael W. Bismovski wrecked while avoiding a dog, and \$300 in damages was reported, Wiggins said. Wiggins said the accident took place 11:00 p.m. Sunday.

Both men were taken to a hospital for treatment, Wiggins said.

Two Nabbed In Escape

Two McCain escapees, one serving a life term for murder, were apprehended by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department early Tuesday morning and a woman companion has been charged with aiding their escape.

The escapees, Earnest R. Perry, 31, of Raleigh, who is serving a life term for first degree murder, and James R. Page, 31, of Fayetteville, serving 12 months for DUI and driving while his license was revoked, escaped from the center about 3:00 p.m. Monday with the aid of a young woman, Superintendent J.C. Harris said.

Harris said the two men were outside the compound and under minimum custody.

Harris said that the escape was apparently pre-planned, as the two inmates escaped in a car driven by the woman.

The woman was identified as Carolyn B. Perry, 28, of Zebulon. She was jailed and charged with aiding an escape. Bond was set at \$500. An August 1 court date was set.

Perry and Page were picked up near the Spring Valley Campgrounds off Highway 301 in Fayetteville about 1:30 Tuesday morning. Cumberland detectives said the two offered no resistance, but a 14-gauge shotgun was seized.

Cumberland County detectives said the two are being held pending their return to McCain.

Kathy On The Road After Durham Triumph

After her brilliant performance in the Pan-African-West German Track Meet in Durham Saturday, Kathy McMillan traveled to Cleveland for a meet Wednesday and will move on to jump in an international meet in Montreal Saturday.

Miss McMillan, who won the broad jump in the meet with a 21.0 effort, took one more giant step toward her invitation to the Olympic trials which will be held in early spring of 1976.

Coach Bill Colston said that Kathy scratched on her first attempt in the Durham meet, jumped 20' 4" in her second attempt, and posted her winning 21' jump in her third attempt.

"She actually had six jumps, but the results of the other three jumps were not announced," said Colston.

Kathy registered her second win in international competition as she won over two German women and captured her first victory over Martha Watson, holder of the American record of 21' 7 1/2".

Colston said that the meet this weekend in Montreal is an individual meet sponsored by an international organization, and only eight women

are going to that meet. When asked about Kathy's chances of making the Olympic team, Colston said that her chances seemed good.

"Right now she is probably in the top three in the long jump, and they take three long jumpers. If she doesn't get hurt, she should remain in the top three," said Colston.

"Kathy should be coming in sometime Sunday, and it will be the first time she has been home in a month," said Colston.

Colston said that her next meet would be on the last weekend of August pending an invitation to the Pan-Am trials. He said the significance of this meet is that Kathy could gain more prestige, and it would help her to be invited to the Olympic trials which would probably be held in either Eugene, Oregon or Seattle, Wash.

Colston mentioned that most women athletes reach their peak at the age of 22 to 24, but failed to speculate on Kathy's chances of breaking the current world record of 22' 4".

"She's already done better than I thought she would," said Colston.

