

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

J.W. Turlington, principal of the Raeford Elementary School, was by the office last week and asked that I give a note of appreciation to Miss Nannie Thornburg, a retired teacher in the county. Turlington said that Miss Thornburg had brought books, pictures, etc by his office and given them to the school.

According to the principal these items have been accumulated over the years and should be of valuable assistance to the teachers in his school.

So to Miss Thornburg a hearty thanks from the Raeford Elementary School and Mr. Turlington.

I received a letter from Clyde McInnis of Palmetto, Fla. last week that had enclosed an article and picture of Kathy McMillan that ran in the Bradenton, Fla. daily paper. It was concerning her victory at Montreal on July 26.

The letter was as follows:

Sam:  
Is this the McMillan I see in The News-Journal?

Clyde  
Yes, Clyde this is the same McMillan that is in The News-Journal. So tell the folks in Florida they are reading about a future champ.

Thanks for your letter and hope you will be at the McInnis Clan reunion later this month.

This letter is self-explanatory:  
Dear Sam;

The Hoke County Bicentennial Commission extends an invitation to every Hoke County Citizen and to every interested person to attend the Commencement of Hoke County's Bicentennial Celebration.

We would encourage the City and County Offices and Businesses to let employees attend the ceremonies at the Courthouse and the new Library site.

Friday, August 8th, 1975 will be a day to remember. There will be distinguished guests, a few speeches, good entertainment, the Fort Bragg Color Guard, T.V. coverage, free Cokes, a street dance, hopefully a few costumes and plenty of fun and fellowship. A day that will make you proud to be a part of Hoke County.

The News-Journal has worked closely with the Bicentennial Commission in planning this event and we are confident readers will find details and schedules for the day listed in the paper.

Thank you Sam and your Staff for your co-operation.  
See you Friday.

Most Sincerely,  
Iris and Carson Davis  
Co-chairpersons for The Hoke County Bicentennial Commission

Paul Dickson received the following letter from Clyde Gillis a native of Hoke County. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gillis who lived near Philippi Church. His sister, Mrs. Louise Hord, lives here in Raeford. A brother, Herman Gillis, worked at Collins a number of years ago.

The letter follows:

Dear Paul,

As the anniversary date of the mobilization of the old 252d CAC is 16 September, thought you might be interested to know that one of the old members is checking out of the military net on 31 July 1975 after 37 years, 9 months and 20 days (35 years and 13 days active) service. In some ways it seems like a century since that Monday morning so long ago in Raeford, but in so many other such a short span of time. I have been fortunate in all this time and war/peace/police action to be safe and sound and in good health.

The Army has certainly given me a

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# Rose To Join Community In Bicentennial Kick-off



**CALCULATING COSTS**—School Superintendent G. Raz Autry goes over bids on the planned school construction as Mrs. Gertrude Daniels adds the figures. Total costs amounted to \$653,169.

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## Lower Costs Seen On School Projects

Sealed bids on the major construction and improvements for the school system were opened last week with projected costs falling below original estimates.

Speros Construction Co. of Maxton submitted the low bids on work for the Raeford elementary school cafeteria, construction of shops at the high school, and the proposed enlargement of the high school gymnasium into a gymnasium with a combination offer of \$343,600.

Riddick Plumbing Co. submitted a low bid of \$41,636 for plumbing installation for all three projects.

Bids on heating and air conditioning contracts were split. City Appliance of Clinton submitted the low bid on the gymnasium, \$28,300, and McGirt Plumbing and Heating of Maxton held the low bid on the shops, \$24,666.

Identical bids on the cafeteria heating and air conditioning work were received from City Appliance and Mechanical Associates of Cary, at \$32,000.

Electrical bids were also split. Bobby Townsend Electric Co. of Lumberton submitted a \$11,400 total for the cafeteria, and Watson Electric of Fayetteville turned in low bids on the shops and gymnasium at \$18,883 and \$14,370, respectively.

An alternate, for a public address system for the gym, was included in the electrical costs at \$3,813.

Low bid on kitchen equipment for the cafeteria went to Food Equipment of Raleigh with a \$26,072 total.

Total costs for the projects, including architects fees, were put at \$653,169.87.

"We went way over on the gym, but shops came under and so did the cafeteria, so it'll balance out", Superintendent G. Raz Autry said after the bids were announced.

Original estimate of the cost of the gym expansion was budgeted at \$200,000. Projected costs now total \$291,413, Autry said.

"Since the budget was set up, bleachers were added at \$22,800, a stage curtain for \$8,500, re-sanding of the floor, painting the walls, painting the ceiling and dropping the ceiling. Also, new light fixtures, reworking the exit doors, repainting the steel on the outside, reworking the roof, and a new ventilation system was added", Autry said.

Cost of the cafeteria is now put at \$144,709, below the \$175,000 estimated early in the planning. Total cost on the addition of the shops is \$217,046, below the \$296,000 originally budgeted.

Total costs for the projects is \$17,830 below the budget estimates, Autry said.

Funding for the construction is to be paid from \$100,000 left over of the county's share of the 1973 state bond money, \$250,000 in revenue sharing funds appropriated by the county this year, and the remainder from a local school bond issue in the amount of \$303,169, Autry said.

Construction on the projects is expected to begin in thirty days. A target date of completion is fall of 1976.

## City Council Clears Agenda

City council members donned Spirit of '76 pins presented by the Raeford Woman's Club, and then went through a 12 item agenda of largely routine matters at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The council voted to accept a \$5,625 grant from the Department of Natural and Economic Resources

toward the \$45,000 water treatment planning project, called step one of the 201 facilities project.

Larry Stahm, of the Lumber River council of governments, briefed the council on the status of the Title X public works project and the street and drainage project offered by the coastal plans commission.

Stahm informed the board the

deadline for filing an extensive application with the commission is August 13, and urged the board to insure city engineer Lacy Koonce go over the requirements of the grant as soon as possible.

Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., promised he would sign the

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## Sonar Device Needed In Hunt For Wreckage

Search was temporarily halted Tuesday for the wreckage of the plane carrying five Raeford residents which is believed to have crashed near Darien, Ga. according to McIntosh County (Ga.) Sheriff Thomas Poppell.

"Officials are waiting for a sonar device that is supposed to be sent down by U.S. Representative Charles Rose," said Poppell.

The portion of a body found last week has been identified by family members as Geneva Edens, 31. The identification was made through pieces of clothing found on part of the body under a seat belt, according to McIntosh County Coroner Archie Davis, Jr.

Mrs. Eden's remains were returned to Raeford over the weekend by the family.

Still to be found are Mrs. Eden's husband, Hillman, 45, their daughter Cynthia Kaye, 8, and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Melton, all of Raeford, who left Raeford July 25 aboard a Cessna Skyknight enroute to Daytona Beach, Fla.

Poppell said that the sonar device was needed because the metal detectors used in the search were not effective.

"We are searching in an area that is covered with 15 to 20 feet of water. With a metal detector, if you are more than five or six feet away, you will miss it," said Poppell.

Poppell said the search is concentrated in the Sapelo Sound, near the Mud River and Sapelo Island.

"There is actually no formal search party at the moment because we are waiting for the sonar device. There are people going in and out of the area, but they are mainly the fish and game people," said Poppell.

"It was my understanding that the sonar device would be here this morning (Tuesday), but it hasn't shown up yet. Mr. Porter Dawson, civil defense coordinator for the area said that he was going to get in touch with Representative Rose early this morning," said Poppell.

Poppell said he hoped the sonar device would be successful.

"It's about the only way I know to find it. They say it will pick up anything within a quarter of a mile. If it is in the ocean near here, we'll probably find it," Poppell said.

## Probation

Two youths, ages eight and ten were placed on probation for a period of two years by Juvenile Court Judge Joseph Dupree Friday.

The two admitted to stealing \$7.30 worth of merchandise from the A & P July 11.

One of the provisions of the probation is that the two are banned from the business district of Raeford unless they are accompanied by their parents or guardians.

Another youth, age 15, was placed on probation until his eighteenth birthday for riding a motorcycle on a public highway without a license.

Conflicting stories and insufficient evidence brought about a dismissal of a case concerning the theft of a bicycle seat and wheel from Thomas McBryde of Rt. 1, Red Springs. The ten year old defendant would not admit to the theft and the state's witness gave a conflicting account, Dupree ruled.

Congressman Charles G. Rose will join with Hoke county citizens Friday in an elaborate kick-off to the national Bicentennial celebration here in ceremonies beginning at mid-morning with a Revolutionary color guard parade and climaxing with the groundbreaking of the Bicentennial library.

State senator Luther Britt and Representative David Parnell will be present to mark the recognition of the county as an official Bicentennial community and the commencement of commemorative activities. Invitations have also been extended to U.S. Senators Robert Morgan and Jesse Helms, and representatives Joy Johnson and Henry Oxendine.

Events will get underway at 10:30 a.m. with a parade of the U.S. Army color guard in Revolutionary war costume. Main Street will be closed to traffic from Donaldson Avenue to Edinborough Avenue until noon.

The color guard, known as the N.C. Bicentennial Brigade, is the official representative of the N.C. Bicentennial Commission.

The eight member team, outfitted as typical Continental soldiers, carry reproduction Brown Bess muskets.

At 11 a.m., Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., will deliver the welcome for the public ceremony on the courthouse lawn. Carson Davis, Jr., co-chairman of the Bicentennial commission, will introduce the guests.

Highlight of the ceremony will be the presentation of the national Bicentennial flag by North Carolina Bicentennial administrator Jack Ellis of Raleigh. Chairman of the board of county commissioners Ralph Barnhart will accept the official flag on behalf of the county.

Special music for the occasion will be offered by the choral group directed by Mrs. Ralph Huff. A dedication prayer will be led by the Rev. John C. Ropp.

Following the flag presentation, a call to assemble will be sounded by trumpeteer David Dombkowski, grandson of the first county librarian, Mrs. Luke Bethune. The procession will travel to Main Street and Donaldson Avenue, site of the future Bicentennial library, for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Chamber of Commerce president Dick Lovette will preside at the library site as the first shovel of dirt will be turned by James A. Hunt.

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## Street Dance Friday At 8

Friday's festivities in recognition of Hoke as an official Bicentennial community will be capped off with a street dance from 8-11 p.m. on Stewart Street, directly behind the site of the Bicentennial library.

Jointly sponsored by the recreation commission and the Bicentennial commission, the dance will be free and open to the public.

Fayetteville musical group "Shade" will perform. Free Pepsi's and light refreshments will be served.

## 'Don't Know It's Here'

# Health Department Expands Family Planning Services

The Hoke County department of health is hoping to reach more of the community with expanded family planning services as a \$26,292 special grant is implemented and a designated family planner nurse is now in training.

Family planning services, paid for from state funds through the Department of Human Resources, have been a program of the county health facility in the past but will now take on a greater role with the addition of Mrs. Annette Campbell, R.N. and the department's new family planner.

"Our goal is to make family planning services and education available", director Mrs. Susan McKenzie said. "We are in great need of more educational services, letting people know they can limit their families".

Mrs. McKenzie explained the program offers counseling to a woman on her first visit. All types of birth control methods are explained and a film is shown. If the woman desires a family planning program, an appointment is set up for a physical examination and contraceptives are provided.

"We don't ever force family planning, but we want them to have a choice," Mrs. McKenzie emphasized.

The director is hopeful the increased funds will enable the

department to reach more women.

"On our roll for the past year we have 1,121 women who have received counseling. We have many more to reach. Ideally, family planning education should reach every woman from age 14 - 44. I have no idea how many that takes in", she said.

Mrs. McKenzie said Mrs. Campbell will hopefully be able to spend time

in the community making women aware of the program.

"A whole lot more in-service education needs to be done", Mrs. McKenzie added.

Since advertising is not allowed in the budget, Mrs. McKenzie feels many people are not aware of the services.

"Basically, they don't know it's here".  
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**PLANS**—Annette Campbell, R.N., (on left) new family planning nurse for the Hoke county health department, goes over plans for expanding services to the community with Susan McKenzie, health department director.