

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The Labor Day weekend is over and usually this brings an end to summer. The way the weather has been for the past few weeks it would seem that summer had just reached its peak.

The death toll in the highways was 10 above what was predicted for the weekend and could go higher as all reports come in. This is one reason that I try to stay home on holiday weekends if possible.

As I write this column early Tuesday morning I haven't heard of anything bad happening in Hoke County. So I hope this will turn out to be the case.

With the holiday over this means we can pack away the bathing suits and other beach and outdoor equipment until next summer.

The Hoke High School Bucks lost their opening game of the season to Southern Durham on a pass play in the final four minutes of play. The score was 14-7 and shouldn't be taken too hard by the local eleven. The season is still young.

The Bucks play Pine Forest Friday night at 8:00 o'clock at the High School Stadium for their first home game. So prepare now to be at the stadium and be a Buck Booster.

A nearby daily paper ran an editorial recently concerning the opening of schools in mid-August and then turning out after a half day, due to the hot weather. The editorial stated that it had always been hot in August; that school should run from September to June, as it had for many years previously. This writer agrees with the editorial.

In talking to Raz Autry, school superintendent, he stated that the costs of air conditioning the buildings and the price of electricity cut off this avenue of approach to the problem. He did make a comment about school opening at 7:30 AM and going to 12:30 PM for the first few weeks of school. Now this of course would have to be okayed by the school board.

I didn't get to talk to him long but something about the football and basketball schedules had something to do with the early openings, if I am not mistaken. If so maybe Raz will put the records straight next week. Anyway if the hot weather continues it would seem to me that so far it is like a "lost weekend."

A few of the younger generation have been on my back about the picture in the paper last week. Not from the standpoint that running the picture was wrong but that another picture should be run showing the parking lot clean, but the trash cans full, and no place to deposit other trash.

If the camera worked all right this picture should appear this week.

Thanks, young people for information and maybe your message will get to proper authorities to empty the trash cans. Wait and see!

Bethel Road Residents Protest Crop Dusting

Some residents along the Bethel Road area beyond the high school are protesting a crop dusting operation in a nearby field and may voice their objections at the upcoming city council meeting Monday night.

"What I want to do is call some of the people in the neighborhood and see if they are enough willing to go down to city hall," Woodrow Wilson said. Wilson lives at 205 Dickson Street.

"I'm worried more about the safety aspect than anything else. If one of them comes down and hits a power line, that'll be it," Wilson said. "I don't blame Roy Wood (operator of the crop dusting service), the town of Raeford shouldn't let a crop be planted inside the city limits."

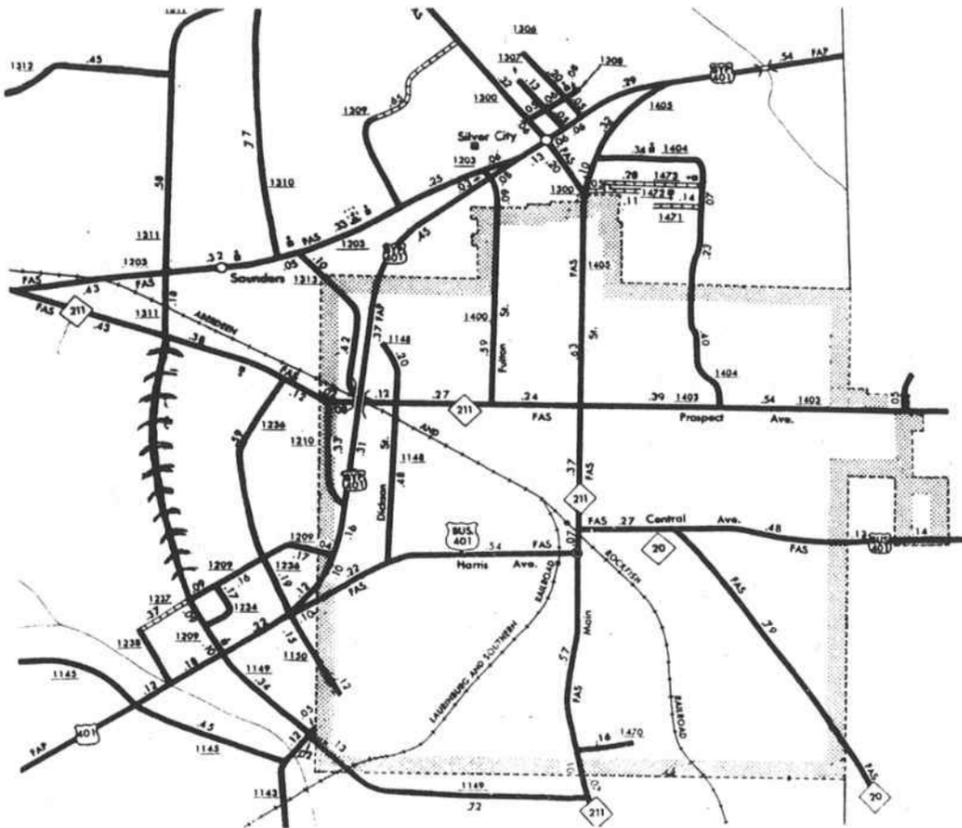
Wilson said the plane circles over his home and on "numerous times" he has seen the spray released over yards of homes.

"I have a small garden, and it just about makes you afraid to eat the vegetables," he said.

Mrs. Wilson echoed her husband's concern over the safety of a plane flying low over residences.

'Not A By-pass', Says Board

211 By-pass Okayed Over Protest



PROPOSED ROUTE - The jagged line running south from Highway 211 to route 1149 is the proposed route of the controversial by-pass which county commissioners again voted approval of. The road will cut just westward of the Thomasfield subdivision, an exclusive neighborhood whose residents have voiced objections to the plan.

After hearing sharply divided opinion at a public meeting Tuesday morning, the county commissioners voted to re-affirm support for the controversial 211 by-pass route as a priority for the county's unused allocation of secondary road improvement funds.

Opposition to the proposed route, which will link West Prospect Avenue with route 1149 just west of the Thomasfield subdivision, was voiced by businessmen along Prospect Avenue and homeowners in a crowd of about 15 spectators present.

Joe Thompson, owner of Thompson's Fish and Tackle, said "If this bypass goes through, it's going to hurt by business tremendously."

Leslie Irion, operator of Irion's Texaco on Prospect Ave., told the board 50 percent of his business comes from out of town and he was against the route.

"If the price of gasoline continues to go up, next year we won't need the by-pass," he said.

Chamber of Commerce president Dick Lovett, a Thomasfield resident, urged the board to reconsider the proposal because of what he termed "adverse effects on businesses," and a safety hazard.

"The safety hazard is a great contingency, for children, this road will be non-stop for a mile in length and run within 60 feet of the back of a residence," Lovett said.

Julian H. (Buddy) Blue, a long time supporter of the by-pass route and recently named Chamber of Commerce manager, argued for its adoption, claiming the plan was first formulated in 1960 and is badly needed to relieve congestion on Prospect Avenue and north-south streets within the city.

City Council Meeting

The city council will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night in the conference room of the municipal building.

The meeting, open to the public, begins at 7:30 P.M.

Police Search For Fugitive

Police and sheriff's deputies attracted a large crowd of onlookers last Wednesday afternoon when they converged on the Raeford Hotel in an unsuccessful search for fugitive Robert Lee King who was reportedly within the hotel.

About eight to ten uniformed and plainclothes units arrived shortly after 4 p.m. and a room by room search of the hotel was conducted for King after a tip was called into the police department.

King, indicted for attempted rape and assault with intent to kill, along with other charges, has been sought since Feb. 19 when county health worker Mrs. Jessie Nicholson was shot after reportedly surprising a group breaking into an isolated McCain hunting cabin.

Elections Office Jarred By 'Minority' Language

Elections officials in Hoke County were still reeling from last week's announcement that the county is one of four counties in the state ordered to hold bi-lingual elections this fall because of a language minority, namely the Lumbee Indians.

Elections board chairman Harold Brock said he did not know any Indians in the county who did not speak English, and termed the action "just another example of wasting the taxpayer's money."

The announcement came in an order from the Justice Department handed down through J. Stanley Pottinger, assistant attorney general

Board Hears Applicant, Purchases Furniture

The county commissioners met briefly Friday morning and heard from another applicant for the inspector's job and agreed to purchase some of the new furniture for the new county office building.

A meeting with library representatives regarding their future furniture needs was also on the agenda, but the matter was tabled after no one appeared.

Jack Ellis told the board he would take the heating and plumbing inspector's job for \$12,000 and 12 cents per mile allowance, but the commissioners took no action on his application.

The position is budgeted at \$8,500 - 9,500 annual salary. The board voted unanimously to approve a state purchasing contract

100 Jury Pool For Gaddy Trial

One hundred names were drawn last week for the jury list for the special session of Superior Court beginning Oct. 13 in which city manager John Gaddy is scheduled for trial on charges of misuse of city funds.

Summons for the jury panel are scheduled to be issued the third week of September.

Names appearing on the list are: Marian A. Baldwin, Rt. 2, Box 356, Raeford; Bonnie Proctor Stone, 502 W. Edinborough, Raeford; Eloise Clark, Rt. 2, Box 132, Maxton; Tola Robeson Show, Rt. 1, Box 252, Lumber Bridge; Mattie Southerland, P.O. Box 331, Raeford; Robert D. Easterling, Rt. 1, Box 94, Raeford; Luther Wade, c/o Nathaniel Carpenter, Box 285, Raeford; John W. McNeill, Rt. 1, Box 839, Raeford; Frances McB. FitzSimmons, 114 S. Magnolia, Raeford; Grace H. Calloway, Rt. 3, Box 43, Raeford;

George Mrinn Miller, Rt. 3, Raeford; Vernie Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 243 A, Lumber Bridge; William H. McArn, Rt. 1, Box 220, Shannon; Cohilda Rebecca McKenzie, Box 392, Raeford; James E. Byrd, 410 E. Donaldson, Raeford; Mark Thompson, Rt. 1, Box 375, Raeford; Douglas McPhaul, Rt. 1, Box 191, Shannon; Louise G. Wright, Box 71, Raeford; Lee Anner McRae, Rt. 1, Box 334, Raeford; Mrs. Marl Locklear, Rt. 1, Box 345, Shannon; Robert A. Wright, Rt. 1, Box 49 A, Raeford;

Eloisa McBryde, Rt. 3, Box 219, Red Springs; Omer A. Register, Rt. 2, Box 357, Raeford; Julia Stephens, Rt. 1, Box 174, Raeford; Charles A. Ray, P.O. Box 63, Raeford; Truett Eugene Holcomb, Rt. 1, Box 82, Raeford; W.C. Ellis, Rt. 1, Box 47, Raeford; Mrs. E.L. Cameron, Box 54, Raeford; Willie Martin McCain, Box 67, Raeford; Miss Jane Clark, Rt. 1, Box 261, Raeford; James Daniel Robinson, 803 Saunders St., Raeford; Harvey J. McKoy, Rt. 3, Box 274, Red Springs; Ernest E. Jackson, Rt. 2, Box 570, Raeford;

McClellan Locklear, Rt. 1, Shannon; Mrs. W.M. Monroe, Rt. 2, Raeford; Raymond McNair, Box 764, Raeford; Lawrence Ervin Wilkes, Rt. 1, Box 681, Raeford; Clarence G. Langdon, 706 Niven, Raeford; John McArn, Rt. 1, Shannon; Alfred Lee Locklear, Rt. 1, Red Springs; Henry Lee Kiger, 414 W. Sixth, Raeford; Richard A. McNeill, Rt. 3, Box 225, Raeford; Lois Irene Woodring, Rt. 2, Box 324, Raeford; Fred D. Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 19, Lumber Bridge; Mrs. R.H. Livingston, Rt. 1, Red Springs; Manchie R. Moll, Rt. 2, Box 80, Raeford;

Charles E. Helbling, Rt. 2, Box 308, Raeford; Cathy Schell Oliver, P.O. Box 509, Raeford; Katie Beatrice Jones, Rt. 1, Box 166, Lumber Bridge; Lela P. Dressler, Rt. 1, Box 727, Raeford; Claybourne B. Wicker, Box 87, McCain; Amos McNeill, 511 Prospect Ave., Raeford; Reece Smith, Rt. 1, Shannon; Enoch Wildon Frierson, Rt. 2, Box 67, Raeford; James Herbert Love, Rt. 1, Box 133, Raeford; Marvin David Jones, Rt. 3, Box 96, Raeford; Fred Leslie Foster, 729 Green St., Raeford; Lauder Howard Steadman, P.O. Box 401, Raeford;

Clara McRae Moore, Rt. 1, Road 1001, Red Springs; Diane Guin Mercer, Box 44, Raeford; Dan C. Ray, Jr., 107 Roberts St., Raeford; Edgar Greene, Rt. 1, Box 108, Red Springs; Nelson Burruss King, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 14, Raeford; Shirley McCall, Rt. 1, Box 420, Raeford; Ralph J. Callaway, Raeford; Belton Day, Rt. 2, Box 558, Raeford; Leroy Morrison, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge; Helen Love, Rt. 3, Box 227, Raeford; Welton Locklear, Rt. 3, Box 269, Red Springs; James Ervin

Kershaw, Rt. 1, Box 524, Raeford; Mable Pauline Foster, Rt. 1, Box 267, Shannon; Kermit L. Wood, Jr., 311 N. Fulton, Raeford; Clifford Kircus, 624 Niven St., Raeford; Lonnie Locklear, Jr., Rt. 1, Red Springs; Lincy Rogers, Rt. 4, Red Springs; Carolyn Pope Fipps, Rt. 1, Aberdeen; David Locklear, Rt. 1, Box 345-E, Shannon; Jesse A. Peoples, 114 N. Jackson St., Raeford; Willard Hunt, Rt. 1, Red Springs; Willie Ross White, Rt. 1, Box 111, Lumber Bridge; Nicholas W. Rogers, Rt. 2, Box 66, Raeford; Lillian M. Coates, 513 Magnolia, Raeford; Warren Chidress, 111

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Eric Allen, a Thomasfield homeowner, said the majority of residents to be affected by the route are against it and urged the board to consider an alternative route.

"On weekends, it will be like Independence Blvd. in Charlotte," he said.

Carson Davis, Jr., developer of the Thomasfield subdivision, cited a 1960 thoroughfare plan for the city and told the board little has changed since that time and the by-pass was needed as a north-south loop to relieve traffic problems.

Chairman of the secondary roads commission Cecil Budd assured the board the speed limit would not exceed 35 M.P.H. and also told the board the route would not be marked as Hwy. 211.

Board chairman Ralph Barnhart discouraged the use of the term by-pass, and said the proposed plan ought to be thought of as "connecting" road to route 1149, a suggestion Budd quickly agreed with.

The resolution to re-affirm support for the plan received the unanimous approval of the board after commissioners John Balfour, Tom McBryde, and James A. Hunt made a personal visit to the site later in the morning.

Budd and district engineer Bill Rosser, division engineer Henry Jordan, and assistant division engineer Fred Whitesell presented a recommendation for use of the 1975-76 secondary roads allocation which was unanimously adopted by the board.

A \$26,800 allocation for this fiscal year will be used to pave three subdivision streets in the extreme southern end of the county, state routes 1471, 1472, and 1473, involving about .63 mile. Costs were put at \$11,900.

The plan calls for the expenditure of \$11,810 to proceed down the paving priority list until funds are exhausted. \$3,000 of the total allocation is to be kept in reserve for contingencies.

In other business Tuesday, the board heard a request from Raeford Housing Authority members Neill McFadyen and Dayna Pate to accept a "housing agent" under a grant program outlined by the extension agent's office and A&T University.

The board voted last month to turn down the agent, which would be placed here at no cost to the county for two years, and Mrs. Pate urged the board reconsider its action.

"We need to look into all alternatives, because the word from the federal government is there is no money available. Lives are being warped by the primitive conditions existing," she said.

McFadyen concurred, telling the board the plan would be for "the general welfare of the county."

No action was taken on the request and the matter was tabled until a later date.

The board approved a format submitted by planning board member Charlie Morrison for gathering data on the ambulance service.

The planning board was designated earlier to act as an ambulance service study committee and report their findings.

A motion to hire Jack Ellis as electrical plumbing and heating inspector had to be withdrawn after a snag developed over the