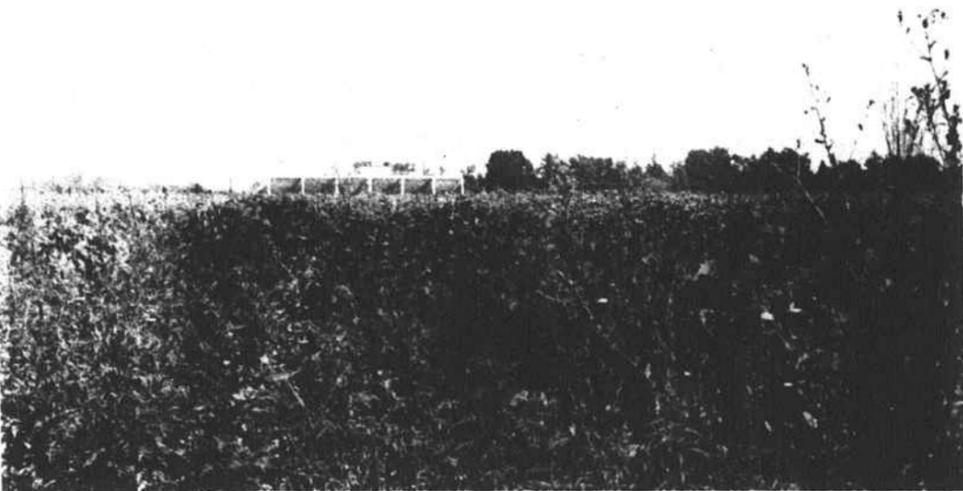


CAMERA SHY - Their schoolbooks piled on the sidewalk, a group of teenagers waited for the Raeford Recreation center on Elwood Avenue to open its door Friday afternoon. Some beat a hasty retreat around the corner when the photographer was spotted.



CROP DUSTING CRITICIZED - About 10-15 residents of the Bethel Road area plan to take their protests about crop dusting carried out in this field adjacent to the high school to the next city council meeting. Many are claiming safety hazards. (Story on page one)

Fairmont To Celebrate Festival Sept. 25-28

The Fairmont Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a four day Farmer's Festival celebration beginning Sept. 25 in Fairmont.

All square dance clubs are invited to join in a Street Square Dance on Sept. 25 hosted by the Square Kats Club.

Bands, floats, clowns, and marching regiments will highlight the festival parade scheduled for Sept. 26, and later the same day 25 professionals and 75 amateurs make up the field for the Southeast Production Credit Association Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

The Fairmont Flower Show, the Miss Fairmont Pageant, and the Fairmont Festival Horse Show are scheduled for Sept. 27.

The Arts and Crafts Fair will be held Sept. 27 from 10-6 P.M. and Sept. 28 from 12:30-6 P.M. All craftsmen are invited to participate.

The first annual Southeast PCA Invitational Best-Ball Golf Tournament is set for Sept. 27-28 at Flagtree Golf Course. Entry fee is \$50 per two-man team and entries must be received no later than Tuesday, Sept. 16. Entries should be sent to P.O. Box 27, Fairmont, 28340.

Wildlife Afield

BY JIM DEAN

"All right, watch that one," hissed Tom Cooper as we squatted in the brush along the edge of a big corn field at the Roy Womble Game Land in western Wake County.

At the far end of the field, a dove took a quick circle to gain speed and altitude, then came down the middle of the field like a Saturn rocket with the hiccups.

A rattle of musketry swept down the field, following the general path of the dove. Tom was counting.

"One, two...three, four, five..." Brer dove, he kept on a - flying. "Nineteen, twenty, twenty - one ... twenty - two. The dove entered the trees on the other side of the field -- untouched.

We snickered. Of course, it was safe for us to snicker. The dove had been beyond our range which means we were not afforded a decent opportunity to add four more misses to the total.

"Let's see now," said Tom, adding up some figures in his head. "Twenty-two shots at 15 cents a shell comes to \$3.30, give or take a few cents for the price spread."

"If an adult dove weighs as much as four ounces, that would mean that the price of meat is \$13.20 a pound," figured Tom.

"Yeah, but you're overlooking the fact that the quarter of a pound of meat involved is sitting in yon pine," I pointed out. "Which means that your prices are not for meat in the pan, but meat on the wing."

"You're right," agreed Tom. "That throws a different light on it."

"Furthermore," I said, "if the target should happen to be a young dove weighing only a couple or three ounces, the price of meat on the wing could rise to at least \$26 per pound, or more if you consider other expenses."

All of this is futile, of course, because I've never known a dove hunter who quibbled over the relative cost of the sport. We might be outraged at the price of a steak, but steak is a luxury. Dove hunting, on the other hand, is a necessity.

Back in the office the day after Labor Day, I talked with fellow dove hunters who had tried their luck here and there, and while some enjoyed excellent shoots, others found few birds.

"Quite frankly, I was surprised," said one. "I have been seeing a lot of doves across the state the past few weeks, but our shooting was only fair."

Those biologists I have talked with indicated that shooting on the Wildlife Commission's Game Lands' dove fields across the state ranged from very good to just fair. I would have to rate the Womble Game Land as only fair this year, but this was probably because weather conditions forced the cutting of the corn there somewhat earlier than expected.

The best educated guesses at this point, however, are that the shooting will hold up and perhaps even improve during the next week or so for several reasons.

For one thing, the total population of doves (somewhere around 500 million) east of the Mississippi is estimated to be up about 10 percent this year, and North Carolina should be getting more of those migrants as soon as the more northerly states have a cold snap.

Also, there is a tendency among serious dove hunters to do more scouting around if the opening day hunt is not overly successful. In many cases, it's possible to line up better areas for the second and third hunts of the year.

Besides, who can pass up a bargain on meat at a mere \$26 a pound?

Food Sales

Hit \$5,574,000

NEW YORK, July 12 - Retail business in Hoke County was at a higher level in the past year than was expected, the final tabulations show.

The sales volume compiled by local stores indicates that local residents have been coping with the recession more successfully than have people in many parts of the country.

However, although a sizeable amount was spent locally for food, clothing, home furnishings and other goods and services, buying was at a more restrained pace than it would have been if economic conditions had been normal.

As in other communities, people cut back temporarily on some of their discretionary spending. Most severely hit, as a result, were the markets for automobiles and new homes.

The facts and figures on the local spending picture are brought out in the annual survey of markets, conducted by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It shows how consumers in each area of the nation spent their money, and for what.

In Hoke County, a large portion of it went for food. Approximately 28 cents out of every dollar spent in retail stores was for such purchases.

By comparison, elsewhere in the United States, 22 cents was for food and, in the State of North Carolina, 23 cents.

What it produced, for supermarkets, grocery stores, meat markets, bakeries and other food outlets was a sales volume of \$5,574,000. This compares with the previous year's \$5,189,000.

Not included is the amount spent for food consumed in restaurants and in other eating and drinking places.

If the expenditure for take-home food were uniformly divided among the local population it would be equivalent to \$1,333 per household.

The volume of business done by other retail establishments shows that most of them stood up quite well, despite the recession.

Sales of cars and other automotive equipment and supplies amounted to \$2,550,000, compared with the prior year's \$3,000,000.

General merchandise stores recorded a total of \$1,012,000 in the year. In 1973 it was \$1,000,000.

LEGALS

on September 4th and 11th, 1975.

Raeford Board of Adjustment

By: Jimmy R. Conoly

Chairman

Raeford Board of Adjustment

W. C. Sellars

Zoning Administrator

18-19C

NOTICE OF CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF TONY FLETCHER MOORE

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against TONY FLETCHER MOORE, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to EDNA FAYE MOORE, as administratrix of the decedent's estate on or before March 20, 1976, at Rt. 1, Box 25D, Red Springs, North Carolina 28377, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named administratrix.

This the 10th day of September, 1975.

Edna Faye Moore

Administratrix

Rt. 1, Box 25D

Red Springs, North Carolina

J. Gates Harris

Post Office Box 128

Red Springs, North Carolina

19-220A

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN RE: ADOPTION OF GREGORY CARTER HARBUR

TO STEPHEN W. HARBUR:

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

A finding that you have abandoned the said Gregory Carter Harbur.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 17th day of October, 1975, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 28th day of August, 1975.

R. PALMER WILLCOX,

Attorney for Petitioner

P. O. Box 126

Raeford, N. C. 28376

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Katie Adams of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Katie Adams to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 21 day of August, 1975.

Lula Mae Ratliff

Route 3, Box 363, Raeford, N.C.

28376

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Washington T. McAllister of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Washington T. McAllister to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 22nd day of November, 1974.

John D. McAllister

Route 1, Box 410, Raeford, N.C.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mary Lee McAllister of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Mary Lee McAllister to present them to the undersigned within 6 months from date of the publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 22nd day of November, 1974.

John D. McAllister

Route 1, Box 410, Raeford, N.C.

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Legals

NOTICE

Lumber River Council of Governments Title XII Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended in 1972. Bids will be received by Lumber River Council of Governments for catering service for older adults. Program will provide 262 meals five days a week for 52 weeks at congregate meal sites. Further information provided upon request. Contact Helen Jones, Lumber River Council of Governments, P.O. Drawer 73, Lumberton, N.C. Telephone 738-8104.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RAEFORD HOKE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING

Mr. Berder Niven
325 North Main Street
Raeford, N. C.

You are hereby notified that an application is now pending before the Raeford Board of Adjustment, whereby the above named Berder Niven is asking a variance be given in order to erect a sign on a post at 325 North Main Street. This would also mean a variance in Article VIII' Section 8.7 of the Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Adjustment at City Hall, on September 15, 1975. All interested citizens are hereby requested to attend this public hearing and express your views and opinions for the benefit of the said Board of Adjustment.

This public notice to be published