

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

After the letter from Lina Angstadt last week, commenting on the weather for the past weekend might be unfair to her. Anyway it was what everyone who wanted to be outdoors was waiting for. The temperature was between 60 and 70 degrees and no rain to dampen the weekend. The local golf course at Arabia was jammed both days.

Maybe some of the hunters were not pleased as it could have been too warm for hunting.

\* Always my vote goes for this kind of weekend.

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The four overtime periods played Saturday night by Carolina and Tulane is the first I can remember seeing. The year Carolina won the National Championship, 1957 if my memory is correct, they played three overtime periods in the semi-finals and finals. The teams played were, maybe this is correct, Michigan State and Kansas.

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Mrs. Archie McDiarmid brought the following by the office last week and contains more truth than anything else in the comment.

"Why do people in your town keep on buying your newspaper when they already know what everybody in town has done that week? a big-city reporter asked a small-town editor. The rural editor pointed out: 'They buy the paper because they want to see which ones got caught.'"

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The following letter from Ashwell Harward, president of the Hoke County United Fund is self-explanatory.

Dear Sam:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate some "Unsung Heroes" in Hoke County. As you and I know, many hours and a great deal of work goes in to making a project successful. I am referring to the United Fund. Gene and Eloise Carter, as Co-Chairmen, and their fine staff have done an outstanding job in reaching the goal set for this year. Unless a person has served as Chairman; they can not appreciate the efforts put forth by these "Unsung Heroes."

As president of the United Fund, I want to congratulate Gene and his fine staff on a super job! Efforts of these and others help to make Raeford and Hoke County a better place in which to live. Appreciation also goes to the citizens of Raeford and Hoke County for being so liberal in their contributions.

Sincerely,  
A.B. Harward  
Personnel Manager

Thanks Ashwell for these nice words to these "Unsung Heroes." Most of us think that goals are obtained without any effort being put into the project. This is not the case, and being treasurer of the fund I know how many times Gene and Eloise came by the office to find out how the drive was going and would not let up until the goal was reached. Yes Ashwell, a job well done.

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A mapping and surveying course sponsored by Sandhills Community College will be taught in Raeford on Monday and Thursday nights beginning March 1 and ending May 6. The classes each night will last for three hours. The instructors will be Robert Gatlin and Lauchlin MacDonald of the local high school faculty.

There are still openings in the class, and if you are interested contact Hank Richards at Raeford Elementary School.

## Registers 89

Eighty nine youths were registered to vote during registration conducted at the high school last week, according to Rose Sturgeon, board of elections secretary.

The high school registration drive was done by Blue Springs registrar Evon Oxendine and Antioch registrar Betty L. Rogers last Wednesday.

"We didn't have as many as we expected, but it is encouraging to see young people taking an interest", Mrs. Sturgeon said.

Deadline for registering to vote in the Mar. 23 presidential primary is Feb. 23.

# Farm Income Slips \$1.5 Million

## Hordes Swamp DMV

Long lines of people swamped the Raeford Division of Motor Vehicles office last Friday and again on Saturday and Monday to beat the midnight deadline. Exact number of persons in line was not known, but the office handled 1,783 transactions Monday, taking in \$27,673.

"Monday was the worst. Tuesday was bad until about 11, then it dropped off and picked up again about 2 p.m.," branch manager Frances Greene said.

Although the Monday night deadline had been well publicized in advance, a large number of people waited until the last minute to renew automobile registrations and pick up 1976 decals. Traffic jams around the W. Edinborough office were supervised by police Monday until the crush was cleared.

On Friday, 1,170 transactions were handled for a total of \$24,613 in fees.

## Barefoot: 'No Thief'

Billy H. Barefoot, the ex-city garage foreman who last week asked the city manager to turn over an unfinished trailer left at a city lot, disavows vehemently with city officials who say the trailer belongs to the city, and not to him.

"My cousin, James, and David Lunsford worked on it two Friday nights after work. Nobody told me to build that trailer. I did it for me, it's like a hobby. I built two like that," Barefoot said.

Barefoot, who was indicted along with ex-city manager John Gaddy for misuse of funds last year and subsequently pleaded guilty in October, said he checked the lot about a month ago and asked the then acting city manager Bill Sellars about the trailer.

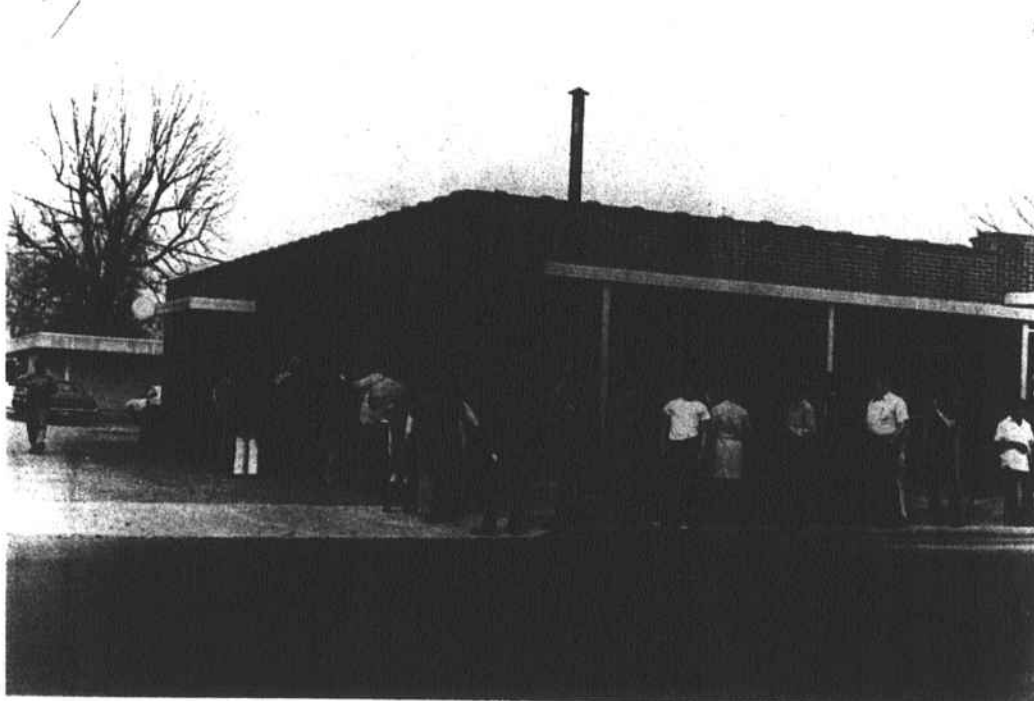
"He (Sellars) recognized it was mine, and he said he was sure I could take it but he's have to check with the mayor about it. After this new manager comes in, he said he'd check on it. Well, I went by the lot after that and the city manager and Dewey Inman (street superintendent) were there. I said to Dewey 'Where is it?' and he says 'I don't know anything about it'." Barefoot said.

"I told them I'm going to be the chief of police to report it's stolen. Zeke (Police Chief Wiggins) acted like he didn't want to mess with it. Nobody would admit it even existed. I passed the word around to the boys, I'd give \$50 to find out where it was, and somebody. I won't say who, told me it was at Raeford Salvage. I went down there. I talked to somebody, not Buoyar, and I did get kind of hot, but I apologized. He told me if I paid him what he had in it, I could have it back", Barefoot said.

Barefoot said he went back to Chief Wiggins to report he located the trailer, but that Wiggins refused to take any action. Barefoot said he then appealed to Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

"Dave (Barrington) said 'Billy, I believe they got it in for you up

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LAST MINUTE- A large number of people apparently waited until the last minute to renew their automobile registration and pick up '76 decals. Police had to help unsnarl traffic around the Edinborough Ave. office.

## Carter Draws Two

## Democrats Favor 'Uncommitted'

County Democrats were largely uncommitted to any Presidential candidate among the precincts which reported following last week's meetings, except for three delegates who announced they favor Georgia's Jimmy Carter, and one who announced he is for Senator Henry Jackson.

The pro-Carter pledges came from Allendale precinct, which has two delegates to the county convention Mar. 6.

Two precincts, McCain and Raeford number three, failed to draw quorums last Thursday night and have re-scheduled meetings for Feb. 19 (Thursday) at 7:30 P.M. at their polling places.

Newly elected officers and delegates and alternates to the county convention were reported as:

Puppy Creek— Chairman Ralph Plummer, first vice-chairman Mrs. Charles Hebling, second vice-chairman Teodora Stewart, third vice-chairman Butchy Trent Posey, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Robert McNeill. Precinct committee is

Douglas Monroe, Bennie Lee Graham, Lacy Hendrix, David Allison, and Mrs. Howard McDougald. Delegates are Mrs. Lester Simpson, Mrs. Marshal Newton, and R.E. Neeley. Alternates: Mrs. Charles Hebling, Harold Monroe, and Enoch W. Leak.

Allendale— Chairman L.A. McGugan, first vice-chairman Marie McCormick, second vice-chairman Jessie James Locklear, third vice-chairman Atlas Lewis, secretary-treasurer Willa McLauchlin. Precinct committee: Jimmy Johnson, Ruth McEachern, Sallie Liles, Artie McPhatter, and Joe Gillespie. Delegates are Ruth McEachern and Neill W. McPhatter. Alternates: Bonnie McLauchlin and Atlas Lewis.

Rockfish— Chairman Oscar L. Wood, first vice-chairman W.E. Willis, second vice-chairman Herman Currie, third vice-chairman Clyde Huff, secretary-treasurer Mrs. Herman Koonce. Precinct committee Mrs. Julian Barnes, Mario Ares, Bernice Bostic, Tho-

mas McInnis, and Mrs. Grace Kelton. Delegates: Oscar L. Wood, W.E. Willis, and Julian Barnes. Alternates: Mario Ares, Clyde Huff, and Mrs. Mary Ann Currie.

Stonewall— Chairman D.L. Williamson, first vice-chairman Mrs. J.M. Maxwell, second vice-chairman Clarence Edens, third vice-chairman Daniel McBryde, secretary-treasurer Bertha C. Hendrix. Delegates: J. Eli Shankle, Dan McGugan, Woodrow Hayes, and Weldon Bishop. Alternates: John Balfour, George Shook, and Clyde Leach.

Antioch— Chairman W.B. McDiarmid, first vice-chairman Mrs. F.C. McPhaul, second vice-chairman Walter Gibson, third vice-chairman Henry Dial, secretary-treasurer Herbert Gillis. Precinct committee: D.A. Currie, John Henry McNeill, Bill Maness, Eddie O'Brian, and C.C. Conoly. Delegates: Lonnie Locklear, A.S. Bald-

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## 1975 Teague Award Goes To Kathy

Kathy McMillan was named winner of the 1975 Teague Award as the outstanding female athlete in North Carolina, just two days before she is headed to Greensboro for an invitational track meet.

McMillan, a Hoke High senior, returned last week from Louisville,

Ky., where she broke the record for the women's long jump with a 20'11 1/2" effort.

"I'm real happy about getting the award but I guess I'll get more excited when I go to the banquet in Charlotte to get it in person", she

## Bus Bump, Pupil Okay

A thirteen year-old student was momentarily dazed after striking his head on a school bus Thursday morning but escaped serious injury.

Trooper K.W. Weston said Mark Anthony Locklear, Rt. 1, Shannon, crossed the Antioch Road near Dundarrach along with two other youths to board a school bus about 7:20 A.M. The boy dropped a pack of playing cards under the bus and reached under the bus to retrieve them when the bus started up after the other two pupils got on.

Weston said the boy sustained a head injury, but was knocked clear and the bus did not roll over him. He was transported to Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg where he was treated and released.

The bus driver, Jerry Tillman, 19, Rt. 1, Shannon, was not charged in the mishap.

## Rose's Office

The mobile office of Congressman Rose will be in Raeford Friday, Feb. 20 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

said Tuesday. "It's really hard to believe I won it, considering how many other people were in the running for it."

In 1975, McMillan toured Russia, Czechoslovakia, and the United States as a member of the national track team and recorded the longest jump of the year by an American woman, 21' 7". She captured a Bronze medal for the U.S. at the Pan Am games.

She also competed in Montreal, Canada before returning to her studies here in the fall.

McMillan, who is recovering from a bout with the flu, is expected to be in shape for the meet Thursday, in which she will be the only female competing.

"I'm going to beat those guys, too", she said. "I'm still a little weak, but it ought to be something running and jumping against those boys."

McMillan will receive her award at the annual banquet Saturday, along with Dan Harrigan, winner of the Fisher Award, and Mary Montgomery, Casey Award recipient.



Kathy McMillan

## Kathy Jumps Today

Hoke High's Kathy McMillan will compete in the Greensboro Coliseum Invitational Indoor High School Track Meet today.

McMillan has competed in the National AAU Senior Women's Track and Field Championships, the USSR-USA Meet in Kiev, Russia, USA-Czechoslovakia - Polish Meet in Prague, USA-Pan African-West German Meet in Durham, the International Track and Field Meet in Montreal, and the Pan-Am Games in Mexico City where she broke the Pan-American long jump record.

She currently holds the National Junior Olympic long jump record of 19' 9", and recently broke the record for the long jump at the Mason - Dixon Games in Louisville Ky., with a jump of 20' 11 1/2".

Athletes from approximately 55 high schools from all across North Carolina will be competing. Almost 200 athletes will be present.

Male and female athletes will be competing in the Coliseum on the same indoor track and field in which collegiate contenders will compete for the NAIA National Invitational Track Championship beginning tomorrow.

## Petition Asks Sheriff To Quit

An Antioch man demanded Monday that Sheriff D.M. Barrington, who last month admitted "ticket-fixing" when the daughter of the late Sheriff Dave Hodgins was arrested for drunk driving in 1974, resign from office.

"I have 334 names on a petition requesting his resignation, and mine will be the 335th," Plummer Locklear, a Robeson County social worker and organizer of Minority Coalition, an activist group, said.

Locklear said he has mailed one copy of the petition and signatures to Ralph Barnhart, chairman of the

Hoke County Board of Commissioners, and plans to present a copy to Barrington, also.

"The sheriff made a statement, which was published, that if anyone came to the county commissioners about the Claudine Hodgins incident and requested his resignation, he would do so. I can't condone ticket fixing, as an ex-policeman and a citizen of this county, I am formally requesting the sheriff resign," Locklear said.

Locklear estimated about three fourths of the 334 names were Indian people, and said he under-

stood some of the signatures were not a protest of the Hodgins case specifically.

"Not all of them are for the Claudine Hodgins incident, some just don't want him and some are personal reasons," Locklear said.

Locklear said he doubted Barrington would resign on the strength of the petition.

"I don't expect anything to come of it, the basic reason I'm doing this is to see if the sheriff is a man of his word. I don't think a statement should be made without it being challenged," Locklear said.