

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The weather hasn't settled as yet and maybe it will be July before the warm nights will be with us. The reports of the remainder of the week show that a nice weekend should be in store for most of us.

Everything is green from the recent rains, but we still need warm nights for things to grow.

A letter from Rebecca Bridges Tolar of Kinston last week also had enclosed a copy of a 1927 Megaphone, the Raeford High School paper.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Sam:

In going through some boxes that I brought home with me when we sold Mother's house I ran across this old school paper. I thought that some of the members of that class that do not have this paper might be interested in it. I did not know which one to send it to, so I thought that maybe you would be in contact with some of those still living in Raeford and would pass it on to them. I hated to throw it away without letting some of them see it.

I look forward to The News-Journal each week and keep up with all of you through it.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Bridges Tolar

P.S: Sam, maybe I better keep the records straight and say that I am not old enough to have been in this class. It sounds like they had a real good time though.

Rebecca

Rebecca's mother was Mrs. Ruth Bridges and she lived on W. Donaldson Ave. next to the home of T.B. Lester. She also finished school with my younger brother, James, in the early 1940s. Thanks Rebecca for the letter and paper.

The 1927 graduating class had 25 members and they were as follows: Robert Gatlin, Louise Blue, Isabel McFadyen, Lucille McLeod, Johnnie Lee Akins, Boswell Bethune, Lacy Pratt, Curtis Smith, Jonah Brown, Sarah Cromartie, Mary Norton, Marguerite Freeman, Bennie McFadyen, Kate Dalton, Laura Yearly, Vera Cox, Mary Francis Shankle, Robert Hampton, Walter Culbreth, Crawford Thomas, Robert Draughon, Archie Epstein, Harry Parker, Archie Howard and Mary McVicker.

Pictures of the graduates are in the paper so if you would like to see how these graduates looked about 50 years ago, come by the office.

Several years ago this column ran an article about Robert Currie looking for Miss Nan Rutland who taught school here many years ago. Now this same Robert Currie, uncle of James and David Scott Currie, was honored at a Teacher's Appreciation Banquet held recently in Sanford.

The Sanford Herald had the following write-up:

"Robert Currie, agriculture teacher at Broadway, was presented a diamond pin by Robert Dalrymple, member of the Sanford Lee County Board of Education and former student of Currie, for Currie's 40 years of service to the school system.

"Currie was graduated from North Carolina State University and began teaching agriculture in Broadway in 1936, but, Dalrymple said, he was honored not only for what he has done as a teacher of agriculture but what he has done for the character of his students."

Congratulations, Robert on a job well done.

Joblessness Rate Dips

The unemployment rate in the county has dropped to 8.6 per cent, dipping from the 9.3 level estimated in March in the quarterly report, according to the Employment Security Commission's most recent report.

The 8.6 per cent tally, which represents approximately 700 jobless workers, is a preliminary estimate and subject to later revision. Estimated number of



NOT ON SUNDAY—County commissioners were presented with a petition Monday bearing nearly 40 names of grocers who want an end to the county-wide ban of beer and wine sales on Sundays.

Aug. 17 Referendum

Public Hearing June 14 On Bond Issue

City council members scheduled a public hearing for next Monday, June 14, for comment on the proposed \$200,000 bond issue to finance a new fire station.

The bond referendum will be put to the voters Aug. 17.

During their regular monthly meeting Monday night, the council also rejected authorizing absentee ballots for the referendum as too costly for the small need.

Proposed site of the new fire station is a two and one half acre tract on E. Prospect Ave. which was approved by a representative from the N.C. League of Municipalities, city manager Robert Drumwright said.

If the bond measure wins approval in August, construction could start as early as October.

In other business Monday night, the council listened to budget requests from the Chamber of Commerce and the Hoke County Recreation Commission but took

no formal action on the matters, agreeing to wait for the public budget session scheduled for June 21 at 7:30 P.M.

Chamber president Gilbert Bernhardt requested \$3,000 in city funds and presented an overall 1976-77 budget of \$24,000, including \$6,000 expected from the county government.

Recreation commission chairman Dick Lovett did not specify any amount sought from the city for the coming year, but told the council the commission would like to establish a "permanent policy" of funding for the recreation programs, rather than negotiate year-to-year.

The council also awarded bids to Raeford Auto Co. and Sanco Corp. of Winston-Salem for equipment for the commercial garbage service agreed on last month.

A low bid of \$23,404.50 from Raeford Auto for a 38,000 pound tandem truck was approved, and a

End Sunday Beer Ban Grocers Ask County

C of C Manager Job Offered To Caseworker

Chamber of Commerce president Gilbert Bernhardt confirmed Tuesday that Dayna Pate, county social services caseworker and secretary of the Raeford Housing Authority, will be offered the job of Chamber manager following the regular meeting of the board of directors.

"She is the unanimous choice of the Chamber directors for the job. We had four applications, and they were all very good applicants. It was a difficult decision to make", Bernhardt said.

Bernhardt emphasized no announcement would be made until Mrs. Pate officially accepts the post. No salary was disclosed, however, \$8,000 is allotted in the Chamber budget for the position.

Bernhardt said a meeting was scheduled with Mrs. Pate for 11 A.M. Wednesday and he expected to have an announcement afterwards.

The Chamber position has been vacant since last month when J.H.

(Buddy) Blue Jr. turned in his resignation as manager at the request of the board of directors.

Mrs. Pate, who was out of town Tuesday, could not be reached for comment.

Hearing Postponed

The public hearing scheduled by the county commissioners for comment on the 1976-77 budget for Thursday, June 17 at 7 P.M. has been postponed, T.B. Lester announced.

The hearing is now scheduled for Friday, June 18 at 7 P.M. in the courthouse annex.

A demand for an end to the ban on Sunday beer and wine sales sparked the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners Monday morning, but with two members absent, the board officially agreed to table the request until the full body could discuss it.

The request came from Billy Parks, operator of Parks Grocery and Exxon north of the city limits, who was armed with a petition signed by nearly 40 grocery owners in the county.

The petitioners seek permission to sell beer and wine on Sundays between the hours of 1 P.M. and midnight and claim the issuance of "brown bagging" permits to two eating establishments is unfair. Under the law, a restaurant with such a permit may sell beer and wine to Sunday customers.

"It causes more people to be out on the roads on Sunday, going to these places that sell it. Also, there's other counties around that do sell it", Parks told the board.

County ABC officer J.K. Riley, also present, said there are currently two establishments, Rowland's Barbecue and the 211 Truck Stop, doing business with Sunday beer and wine sales. However, there is a total of about five establishments licensed to do so, he said.

"People have been on me about it. Some of them want some kind of ordinance where nobody can sell it on Sundays", Riley said.

With commissioner James A. Hunt absent due to illness and chairman Ralph Barhart out of town, commissioner John Balfour suggested postponing any action until a later date.

In other business, the commissioners:

Voted to increase the pay of fire inspector Ed McNeill from \$5 per visit to \$10;

Authorized the expenditure of about \$300 for cleanup of the trash container sites;

Agreed to appoint a committee to study costs of a new courthouse roof, estimated to be in the \$10,000-\$15,000 range;

Approved applications to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) for a continuation of the detective grant in the sheriff's department at a local cost of \$2,906 for the coming year, and a new grant for the hiring of two more detectives at a local cost of \$1,281;

Okayed a request from the public library for establishing a petty cash fund, subject to county audit;

Endorsed a resolution approving the creation of the private, non-profit Hoke County Medical Complex, Inc., to seek funding for additional medical facilities;

Received notice from the Department of Natural and Economic Resources of continuation for fiscal year 1976-77 of the land use survey grant in the amount of \$4,800, with local matching funds of \$3,200;

Agreed to recommend that the Region N Council of Governments continues the contracting for the senior citizens nutrition program for the 1976-77 fiscal year;

Approved the following transfers of funds within the current year budget: \$15,000 from contingency to sanitation budget; \$500 from contingency to Finance for supplies; \$2,000 from building repair to Sheriff's Department for auto expenses; and \$2,000 from building repair to jail fund for daily expense of prisoners.

Next regular meeting of the commissioners is Friday, June 18 at 7:30 P.M. in the courthouse annex.

\$16,137 low bid from Sanco for the compactor was approved. Delivery is expected in 90-120 days, Drumwright said.

The council certified the 35-member roster of the Raeford volunteer fire department for the coming year, and authorized the

transfer of \$4,000 in surplus street department funds to the cemetery and landfill funds to cover a deficit before adjourning.

Next regular monthly meeting of the city council was scheduled for July 14, a week later because of the holiday.

Reporter Joins N-J

Suzanne Huston Aplin has joined The News-Journal staff as a reporter-photographer, replacing Mike Steadman who has begun work for National Cash Register Co. in Fayetteville. Mrs. Aplin has worked for the San Antonio Express and News Women's Department as a reporter-photographer and has done some private tutoring.



Suzanne H. Aplin

A native of Euless, Texas, she graduated from L.D. Bell High School in Hurst. She received a B.A. in English from Tarleton State College in Stephenville where she served as editor of the yearbook, vice-president of the student body and was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Prior to moving to Ft. Bragg with her husband and two children, Mrs. Aplin spent four years living

in Italy and then nine months at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Summer School On June 14

Summer school will start at Hoke High on Monday, June 14th and run through the month of July. Tentatively, courses in English and social studies will be taught. Any other subjects that there is a demand for will be scheduled also

Students will be responsible for their own transportation. Hours for classes have been tentatively set to last from 7 A.M. to 12 noon. Any student interested in attending summer school should contact Miss Mims at the high school immediately.

Elections Panel Drops Rose Probe

Congressman Charles G. Rose, seventh district Democrat, was notified Monday that the Federal Elections Commission has officially closed its investigation of an anonymous complaint that Rose violated federal campaign acts, it was announced by Rose's office.

In a letter to Rose, John A. Murphy Jr., general counsel for the

Commission, said the committee "has concluded following its investigation of the matter that the allegations of the complaint do not set forth reasons to believe that you have committed any violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971".

The probe was prompted last year and re-opened again this year on the basis of an anonymous tip that Rose gave a Cadillac automobile to a Robeson County businessman.

The committee's action to clear Rose came on a 6-0 vote.

Rose's Office Here Friday

The mobile office of Congressman Charles G. Rose will be in Raeford Friday, June 11 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. with administrative assistant Rip Collins.

The van will be parked in the post office lot.

Educator To Address Kiwanians

In its quarterly report published last month, the Employment Security Commission predicted the unemployment rate for the county would remain above seven per cent through September. Total employment, however, is expected to show gains in the coming months.

employed persons is put at 7,400 out of an estimated total labor force of 8,100 persons.

William Dallas Herring will address the Kiwanis Club Thursday at 7 P.M. in the Civic Center.

The public is invited to attend.

Currently serving as the chairman of the State Board of Education, Herring has been described by former Gov. Terry Sanford as "North Carolina's greatest spokesman for education in the 20th century."

A Rose Hill native, and graduate of Davidson College, Herring has served state-supported education for over two decades. He began his career on the Duplin County Board of Education, moved through various public education endeavors until his selection in 1957 as

chairman of the North Carolina Board of Education.

Dallas Herring has been credited with prime responsibility for starting the community college system, and for initiating the North Carolina curriculum study program. He has fought for reduction in classroom size, school consolidation, fair salary increases, equal opportunities for teachers and students, extension of the school term and paraprofessional aides in the classroom. He also was a major force behind the movement to operate 54 pilot public kindergartens.

Earl Oxendine, principal of Upchurch Junior High, is the program chairman.



William Dallas Herring