

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Labor Day has come and gone and the rain is still over the mountains. The weather seems like fall is already with us.

Traffic was heavy over the long weekend but otherwise everything was quiet. As we write this on Tuesday morning no wrecks have been reported in Hoke County.

(Since writing the above it seems it was only at my home it was quiet. One fatality and two shootings have been reported early in the morning.)

Before you know it Thanksgiving and Christmas will be a thing of the past and the Bicentennial year will be gone and 1977 will be with us, as you grow older it seems that the years pass faster than when you were young. It is still good to be around and pass with each and every year.

All the big names in the golf world will be at Pinehurst this week for the World Open. With the weather like it has been for the past several weeks it should be fun to watch. See you there!

While on the subject of golf, a cracker jack tournament will be held at the Arabia Golf Club later in the month. It is a member - guest tournament and the committee has gone all out this year to make this the best ever.

If you haven't received notification and a schedule of events, write or call Earl McDuffie or Brown Hendrix at the clubhouse. Either of the named will be glad to inform you of the tournament etc.

Next Tuesday, September 14 is the runoff primary for the right to represent the Democratic Party in the General Election for a number of positions. The turnout in the first primary was not good. Less than fifty percent voted in Hoke County.

So make plans now to vote next Tuesday and if you are not registered be sure to do so before the general election.

There are few things you can do free in the world today, but one of them is VOTE. Meet you at the polls.

This letter is self - explanatory:

Dear Sam:
Some of our citizens are under the impression that the Hoke County Board of Education operates the Headstart Program. This is not the case. The only connection the Board of Education has with the Headstart Program is to furnish two classrooms. One is at Scurlock and one at J.W. McLauchlin. These rooms will only be furnished until the folks that operate Headstart can find them a building that is available and suitable in Hoke County.

If any of our citizens need to talk to someone about Headstart, please contact the following person:

Nan Oliver
Post Office Box 988
Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352
Telephone: 276-7011

Sincerely,
Raz Autry, Superintendent
Hoke County Schools

The following letter was received last week and I think will be of interest to the older folks of the county. We don't have a copy of the paper Mrs. Harris is writing about but would like to see the article and other old letters etc that she has on file. Some of them may be of interest to you readers.

Dear Sam,
While I was visiting my father's brother Le Roy McNeill in Sparta, N.J. in August I had the opportunity to read a copy of an article written in "The Hoke County Journal of Raeford, North Carolina" dated Dec. 8, 1910 and written by Mr. D. Scott Poole headed "A Golden Wedding". The celebration honored my paternal great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Baxter (who was Miss Eliza McEachin) and was attended by their five daughters, five sons - in-law and other family members. Her sisters were Mrs. J.A. Deese (Harriet), Mrs. John Archie Currie (Flora), Mrs. Lemuel Graham (Fannie), Mrs. Alex McMillan (Effie) and Mrs. N.A. McNeill, (Catherine - better known as "Miss



FATALITY -- A twenty-year-old Ft. Bragg soldier was killed Monday when he was pinned underneath an overturned truck on U.S. 401 following a crash with a motorcycle.

Crash Kills One

A Ft. Bragg soldier became the county's only traffic fatality over the Labor Day weekend when he died in a collision with a motorcycle and a delivery truck Monday on U.S. 401.

John Anthony Howard, 20, of A Troop, First Battalion, 17th Cavalry, was crushed to death beneath an egg delivery truck after the 12:30 p.m. accident about five miles south of Raeford. Howard was a passenger on a motorcycle being driven by Lorenza Stanfield, 25, who was assigned to Troop D of the same battalion, according to the Highway Patrol.

Stanfield was admitted to Womack Army Hospital with multiple injuries.

Driver of the truck was William Harvey Stallings, 62, of Rt. 2, Ayden. He was treated and released at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, according to troopers.

Both vehicles were proceeding south on the highway when the motorcycle started to make a U-turn and the two vehicles collided. The truck which had started to pass the cycle, tipped over and landed alongside the roadway, troopers said.

Charges are pending.

School Enrollment Follows Estimates

First day enrollment figures for the county's seven public schools totaled 4,588 students, closely following board of education estimates, although the number of first graders was greater than expected.

The student enrollment this year is 100 pupils less than the 1975-76 first day count, although enrollment figures often fluctuate during the first few days due to some youngsters still working in tobacco fields, according to School Supt. G. Raz Autry.

The enrollment for each school, based on some figures reported Sept. 3 and others Sept. 7, was: Hoke High, 1,287; McLauchlin elementary, 384; Raeford elementary, 554; Scurlock, 616; South Hoke, 616; Upchurch Junior High, 735; and West Hoke elementary, 396.

The only classroom change this year is the switching of the trainable mentally retarded (TMR) class from McLauchlin school to Upchurch Junior High, but students in several schools will be using new facilities just opened. The media center at the high school, constructed on the west side of Bethel Rd., is taking the place of the old library. The high school has also added two new vocational education shop buildings and the \$290,000 expansion to the gymnasium, called a gymtorium, is expected to be open later this month.

Man Slain By Gunfire

A Hoke county woman was jailed Sunday following the fatal shooting of Oscar Brewer, 49, at his residence on RPR 1136 near South Hoke School.

A District Court hearing is scheduled Sept. 10 for Annie Ruth Jacobs, 34, of Rt. 1, Box 642, Red Springs, according to the sheriff's department.

Mrs. Jacobs turned herself in a .32 caliber pistol and .32 caliber ammunition over to deputies shortly after the shooting, authorities said.

Witnesses reported that a woman driving a green and white Chevrolet had driven into Brewer's yard where he stood, got out of the car, pointed a pistol at him shouting "I told you I'd get you."

The assailant shot Brewer twice, once in the arm and then in the chest.

Bond had not yet been set on the suspect.

UF Meets

The United Fund organization met last week and elected directors and chairman for the 1976 United Fund campaign.

A.B. Harward was elected president and Younger Snead Jr. vice-president. Louise Wright was elected secretary - treasurer.

Co-chairmen for this year's fund raising effort will be Danny DeVane and Mrs. David J. Hendrix.

Elected to three year terms as

directors were Brown Hendrix Jr., Gene Carter, Younger Snead Jr. and A.B. Harward. Two year directors are Larry Phillips, Sarah Leach, Rev. Milton Williams and Louise Wright. One year directors are Mrs. Richard Neeley, Wyatt Upchurch, Cleo Bratcher and James Hunt.

No date has been announced for the start of this year's United Fund campaign.

Run-off Vote Tues.

SAMPLE

Official Democratic 2nd Primary Ballot for REGISTER OF DEEDS and COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot, make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

Register of Deeds

(Vote For One)

[] FRANCES W. GREENE

[] DELLA MAYNOR

County Commissioners

(Vote For One)

[] DANIEL H. DeVANE

[] CHARLIE PENDERGRASS

State of North Carolina
Primary Election
Sept. 14, 1976

Harold Scurlock
Chairman,
Hoke County Board of Elections

Date To Be Announced On Phone Merger Vote

Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Tuesday no date has been set for polling among Raeford exchange subscribers on the proposal to merge the Raeford-Fayetteville-Ft. Bragg exchanges into toll-free, extended area service.

If approved, the merger -- which would go into effect in 18 to 24 months -- would increase the monthly base charge for a single-party home phone in Raeford from \$5.80 to \$9.90.

Exact figures on the amount of increase for Fayetteville subscribers have not been announced, however, initial proposals set forth when the plan was detailed earlier this year called for an increase in rates of under 50 cents per month. Fayetteville subscribers will not be voting on the merger proposal.

Bob Marbert, CT&T manager in Fayetteville, said polling would be conducted by mail, with a ballot sent to each telephone number, along with an explanation of what the proposal is and how rates will be affected.

Subscribers will have 15 working days from the time the ballots are sent to mail them back, according to Marbert. The results of the voting will not be disclosed by

CT&T. The company will send the results to the N.C. Utilities Commission before any announcement is made.

The added base price to other Raeford exchange phone bills would be:

For a single party commercial phone, \$8.45 from the current \$14.75;

For a two-party home phone, \$3.75 from the current \$5.15;

For a two-party commercial phone, \$7.50 from the current \$12.50;

For a four-party home phone, \$3.50 from the current \$4.70;

For a four-party commercial phone, \$7.00 from the current \$11.60.

Raeford subscribers who live outside the city and pay zone charges, or higher monthly rates than quoted for the city would pay the same dollars and cents increase, not a percentage increase based on their monthly bills, Marbert said.

Earlier this year, both the Hoke County Board of Commissioners and the Raeford City Council endorsed the request for conducting a poll, but neither group actually endorsed the merger idea itself.

Pro-beer Group Back Again

About ten pro-Sunday beer sales spectators appeared at the regular meeting of county commissioners Tuesday morning to continue their campaign for action to open up beer sales to all retail stores, but with one commissioner absent, the group backed off from requesting a formal vote.

Commissioner John Balfour, who last month voted in favor of ending the local ban on Sunday beer, was not present. At last month's meeting, the board deadlocked 2-2 on a formal vote on the issue, with Ralph Barnhart and Tom McBryde voting no. James A. Hunt voted yes with Balfour. Neil McPhatter was not present for the meeting.

The Sunday beer issue, which locally centers on the state brown bagging law which allows restaurants to sell beer for takeout on Sundays, has come before the commissioners three times in the past month.

County manager T.B. Lester said he was requested to put it back on the agenda for the next regular meeting, scheduled for Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

In other business Tuesday, the board appointed attorney Warren Pate to the Region N. Manpower Advisory Committee and Bobby Williams to the county planning board. Dog warden Archie Clark, who has passed the mandatory retirement age of 65, was waived from the requirement and re-appointed.

The board agreed to a request

from civil preparedness coordinator Bill Niven to tentatively put an emergency operations center (EOC) into the plans for the new National Guard Armory facility, pending cost estimates which will be learned later.

The board also heard a request from representatives of Sandhills Community College for the use of space in the old county office building for classrooms four nights a week. The board, acting on the recommendations of their fact-finding committee, agreed to allow the recreation commission to take over the old library when it is vacated, and give the college the space the recreation commission now has.

In other action, commissioners:

Earmarked \$500 for repair of the Antioch Community house;

Authorized the transfer of one worker in the Farmers Home Administration office to the CETA VI program, due to the end of funding for the Indian employment program;

Approved a numerous list of names of taxpayers age 65 and over who qualify for a tax exemption on the first \$5,000 of real property;

Received a request from a Hillcrest resident for a road near the Hillcrest Fire Department station to be placed on the state system and

Voters will again go to the polls next Tuesday for a Democratic run-off primary for three state posts and the GOP gubernatorial race, along with local run-offs for county commissioner and register of deeds.

Department store owner Danny DeVane and farmer Charlie Pendergrass are seeking one remaining seat on the county board. Incumbent Neil McPhatter won the Aug. 17 primary with 1,431 votes. Pendergrass ran second with 1,016 and DeVane ran third in the field of five with 916 votes.

In the register of deeds run-off, deputy register of deeds Della Maynor, who polled 1,292 votes in the primary, will face second place Frances W. Greene, branch manager of the Division of Motor Vehicles Raeford office. Green trailed Maynor with 590 votes.

For Lieutenant Governor, House Speaker Jimmy Hill is challenging ex-Chapel Hill mayor Howard Lee for the Democratic nomination. Lee polled 27.61 per cent of the Aug. 17 vote and Green received 26.79 per cent.

In the Democratic race for state auditor, consumer advocate Lillian Woo is challenging Auditor Henry L. Bridges. Woo, polled 41.87 per cent of the Aug. 17 vote and Bridges had 45.87 per cent.

For commissioner of labor, first place finisher Jessie Rae Scott is pitted against John Brooks, who finished with 33.89 per cent of the vote. Scott, the wife of ex-Gov. Bob Scott, took 36.94 per cent.

Seeking the Republican nomination for governor are David T. Flaherty and Coy C. Privette. Flaherty, former Secretary of Human Resources, drew 49.97 per cent of the August vote and Privette, a Baptist preacher, polled 32.32 per cent.

All thirteen county precincts will open at 6:30 a.m. and the polls will close at 7:30 p.m.

8 Per Cent Jobless

Hoke County's unemployment rate is estimated at eight per cent in July, according to the latest report released by the Employment Security Commission.

A total of 690 workers were unemployed out of a total labor force of 8,650. The number of employed workers was estimated at 7,960.

All figures reported in the monthly bulletin prepared by the Bureau of Employment Security Research are preliminary estimates and are subject to revision.

forwarded it to the Department of Transportation for action;

Approved a request from retiring register of deeds Roger Dixon for early payment of accrued leave;

Discussed current insurance coverage on all public buildings and agreed to review the amounts more closely and discuss the matter at a later meeting.

Tennis, Anyone?

The new city tennis courts at McLauchlin Park are now open for play, the city manager announced last week.

No hours have been set for use of the courts, although no one is permitted to use the park on Sundays before 1 p.m.

Hours for the tennis courts will be announced later this month.

Rose's Office Here Today

The mobile office of Congressman Charles G. Rose will be in Raeford Thursday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the post office parking lot.

Administrative assistant Rip Collins will be on hand.