

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather has been like winter mornings for the past couple of days. The temperature was 40 degrees or below for both Monday and Tuesday mornings. From reports it is supposed to get warmer in the next day or so.

Of course this is what we call good sleeping weather, and when the Rev. John Ropp looked out over the congregation at the Raeford Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning he made that comment.

Bobby Conoly, commander of the Hoke County Rescue Squad, was by the office last week and was praising the Raeford Police Department.

A walkie-talkie valued at \$761 was taken from the department on Thursday, September 30 and it was returned to the Rescue Squad on Wednesday October 6. The instrument was not damaged in any way.

Conoly said that Detective Harvey Young returned it but he wanted to thank the entire Police Department for their fine work.

I pass this along because most times the shoe is on the other foot. Complaints, not praise.

Mrs. Carson (Iris) Davis, Jr. was by the office Monday while I was out and left the following note on my desk which is passed on to readers.

"The Class of '51' is planning to celebrate their '25th' on November 27 at the JFR Barn in Southern Pines, we need to locate the following people: Ray Butner, Peggy Walters. Any help will be appreciated."

If any reader can help with this information please get in touch with Mrs. Davis.

The television should give baseball and football fans enough for a few weeks to come. Someone said Monday that they didn't see all the baseball games because they were tired of looking at them.

Anyway with the World Series coming up, it most likely will be a couple of weeks more of baseball and football.

So just sit back and wait for your favorite program to return to the air.

Jimmy Conoly of Conoly's Exxon and a member of the local Planning Board made a statement to me the other day that should be given some consideration.

He said that when an advertisement concerning the actions of the Planning or Zoning Board is run in the newspaper that the citizens of that immediate neighborhood should be informed by the City that the action is taking place.

Conoly said that usually when the boards meet that only the person wanting the change made is in attendance at the meeting and no complaint is made. But that after the Board takes action that an appeal is made to the city council.

I believe this would solve some of the problems of people saying they didn't know that the boards were meeting or that some piece of property was up for change.

Anyway it is something to think about.

This is Fire Prevention Week and also National Newspaper Week. There may be more things this week but we will bring these two to your attention.

Correction

In a story in last week's News-Journal concerning the mistake made when 10,000 gallons of fuel oil was dumped down the wrong place at the public library, there was another mistake.

Randall Ashburn, manager of Raeford Oil Co., was quoted as saying city manager Robert Drumwright was consulted after the oil had been dumped and that Drumwright agreed the amount was sufficient. Actually, it was not Drumwright who was contacted, but T.B. Lester, who is the county manager. The story should have said Ashburn called Lester.

The News-Journal apologizes to Drumwright for the goof.

Flu Immunization Begins

UF Drive On Monday

United Fund co-chairmen Danny DeVane and Bertha Hendrix named canvassing leaders for the city and county this week in preparation for the 1976 UF campaign which begins next Monday.

This year's goal for Hoke County is \$22,811.55 which will be distributed among 18 UF-affiliated organizations.

In the county, canvassing chairmen and their respective areas are: Miss Jean Hodgins, Mrs. Lamon Brunner and Mrs. Myrtle Sappenfield (Antioch), Mrs. D.R. Huff Jr. and Ashley Heights 4-H Club (Ashmont), Miss Margaret Gainey, Mrs. C.J. McNeill Sr. and Mrs. James A. Hunt (Blue Springs), Mrs. Earl Tolar and Mrs. Woodrow Hayes (Mildouson), Mrs. June Rogers and Mrs. Alfred Long Jr. (Philippi Church area).

Mrs. Mawyer Calloway (Timberland), Smith McInnis (U.S. 401-A), Mrs. Martin Wood (Rockfish), Mrs. Robert McNeill, Mrs. Edwin Newton and Mrs. Richard Neeley (Wayside), Mrs. Peter Sawyer and Mrs. James Parks (Montrose).

In the city, neighborhood canvassing will be led by Bobby Smith, Watson McNeill, Ralph Huff, Tom Howell, Wendell Young, Cleo Bratcher and Junior Ward.

G. Raz Autry is schools chairman, Younger Snead is business chairman and Jane Ivey is chairman for McCain Hospital.

DeVane, along with UF president Ashwell Harward, said they were confident this year's goal (See UF DRIVE, Page 15)



FLU SHOT -- Lottie Steadman, 76, was one of the first senior citizens to receive a swine flu shot Monday morning at the county health center on Central Ave. Mrs. Steadman, who didn't flinch a bit at the needle, remembers the great flu epidemic of 1917-1918 and was seriously ill then. The local immunization program began with persons age 65 or older, or the chronically ill, getting the bivalent, or combination type, vaccine.

The long-awaited swine flu immunization campaign began in Hoke County Monday after the arrival of the first batch of the vaccine at the health department last week.

Persons ages 65 and older and the chronically ill were the first to be inoculated with the bivalent vaccine. The bivalent, or combination type shot, protects against swine flu and also the type A Victoria flu which was prevalent last winter and is expected to return this year.

Turkey Truck Topples

A tractor trailer carrying thirty nine thousand pounds of frozen turkey missed a curve on U.S. 401 - business early last Thursday morning and overturned, with the driver receiving slight injuries.

State trooper K.W. Weston said the rig, owned by Andrews Trucking Co. of Beulaville and being driven by Billy F. Pedin, of Selma, was headed north about 12:50 A.M. when the driver failed to negotiate a sharp left just before the intersection of 401-bypass. The truck went out of control, left the roadway onto the right shoulder and overturned on its side.

Pedin was treated and released at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

None of the poultry was spoiled, Weston said, as the House of Raeford Farms Inc. plant immediately sent a crew to retrieve the birds.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$12,000. Charges are pending.

One thousand doses of the monovalent shot, which is for persons under age 65 and not considered in the "high risk" category of chronically ill, will arrive later this week. The health department plans to begin administering the monovalent vaccine Monday to the first 1,000 persons between ages 18 and 65.

Susan McKenzie, acting director of the health department, said Monday that officials here have still not been told how many doses of the vaccine will be allocated, but that Hoke County should receive a sufficient amount.

"The way it is working, it's just dribbling in. We got just a very small portion of the monovalent last week, so we decided to hold off. We began notifying the hospital, the rest homes, the senior citizens - as many as we could," Mrs. McKenzie said.

Shortages of the vaccine, which is being distributed free by the government in a \$135 million program, had delayed the start of the immunization in some areas and also canceled earlier plans here. Originally, the health department expected to use "jet injector guns" and staff four clinics around the county for a massive, one-day inoculation. Since the vaccine is not being sent all at once, those plans are now impossible, Mrs. McKenzie said.

Persons who wish to receive the shot next week will be required to read and sign two consent forms which explain any possible side effects and also describe how claims for any adverse reactions can be filed. The information will be read aloud for anybody unable to read or write.

By noontime Monday, about 60 persons had received shots at the health center and workers there reported some senior citizens who had been notified by telephone that shots were available simply refused.

The federally-funded swine flu immunization program has been termed the most extensive effort in preventive medicine ever undertaken.

Officials launched the program last spring after the discovery of a new type of influenza among soldiers at Ft. Dix, N.J. Tests indicated the new virus resembled the swine flu virus that killed 20 million people around the world in 1917-18.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC), which is coordinating the program for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, estimated last week that 27.5 million doses of vaccine had been shipped nationwide.

Mrs. McKenzie said that the Hoke center should continue to receive shipments after the present supply is exhausted and that the program should wind up by mid-December.

CT&T Sets Balloting Nov. 8 On Merger

Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. will mail ballots Nov. 8 to Raeford area subscribers for the start of voting on the proposed merger of the Raeford and Fayetteville - Ft. Bragg exchanges.

Bob Marbert, assistant manager of the CT&T Fayetteville office, said customers would receive a letter explaining the proposed change along with a copy of the proposed rate increases which would go into effect if it is approved.

Deadline for returning ballots is Nov. 23 and any received post-marked after midnight on that date will not be counted.

If approved, the creation of a toll-free link between the Raeford and Fayetteville areas would mean a nearly 70 per cent increase in the monthly cost of a single-party home phone in Raeford.

Fayetteville subscribers will not be voting on the measure. Most recent proposals on the amount of

increase to Fayetteville customers call for about a 30 cents monthly hike.

Marbert said that only one ballot will be mailed to each customer. Business firms, which may have more than one phone number, will still receive only one ballot.

Results of the vote will not be immediately learned, as CT&T will not announce the count after Nov. 23, but will send the result to the State Utilities Commission, Marbert said.

A merger of the exchanges would end long distance charges for calls between the two cities and the Ft. Bragg reservation. Many business firms in and around Raeford are expected to favor the merger, however, some individuals expressed opposition to the higher rates when the matter was proposed earlier this year.

If approved, toll-free service would not begin until 18-24 months because of the added equipment it will take, Marbert said.

The added monthly cost to

Raeford phone bills under the CT&T proposal is:

- For a single-party home, \$4.10 (Current rate \$5.90)
- For a single-party commercial phone, \$8.45 (Current rate \$14.75)
- For a two-party home phone, \$3.75 (Current rate \$5.15)
- For a two-party commercial phone, \$7.50 (Current rate \$12.75)
- For a four-party home phone, \$3.50 (Current rate \$4.70)
- For a four-party commercial phone, \$7 (Current rate \$11.60)

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Residential Annexation Tied To Federal Funds

Annexation of the College Drive area may be a possibility early next year if the city's application for funds for sewer work under the Public Works legislation just approved by Congress is granted.

The city has already submitted an application for funds to construct an outfall line stretching from 211 west southward past the high school to 211 east near the Knit-Away plant. Preliminary survey work has already begun.

City manager Robert Drumwright said the amount of funds the city may receive will not be known until the amount of the North Carolina allocation is announced later. If the funds are approved, construction must start within 90

days and be completed in six months.

The city can annex property without the approval of the residents to be affected 60 days following public hearings. Construction for water and sewer connections must be started within two years following annexation under the law.

College Drive takes in about 100 homes, some of which already are receiving city water. Little opposition to annexation steps is expected from the College Drive residents.

In addition to getting city water and sewer, other municipal services such as garbage pickup, mail delivery and police protection will be furnished following annexation.

City Map Expected

Chamber of Commerce directors met Tuesday morning for their regular meeting and learned that the new city maps should be ready for distribution by the end of the year.

The maps, glove compartment size, have been completely updated, showing all changes in streets and new names added to the street directory.

Work is in progress now on the new city brochure which will update the old visitor's guide.

The directors also were given a report on the Chamber's membership drive which has been successful. Since the start of the new membership year, the organization has experienced a 35 per cent increase in individual and business members.

Chamber vice-president Vardell Hedgpeth, presiding in place of Gib Bernhardt, expressed satisfaction at the boost.

"We're pleased that so many new members realize that their support is vital to keep the Chamber active so that the Chamber can serve them. We feel that projects such as the map, the brochure, our industry recruitment, the new medical building, are recognized as being important to every individual and business in the community, but these are projects which could not

be accomplished by individuals alone", Hedgpeth said.

The directors added Carson Davis Jr., Alfred Leach and Julian Wright to the Chamber's industrial list. (See CITY MAP, Page 15)

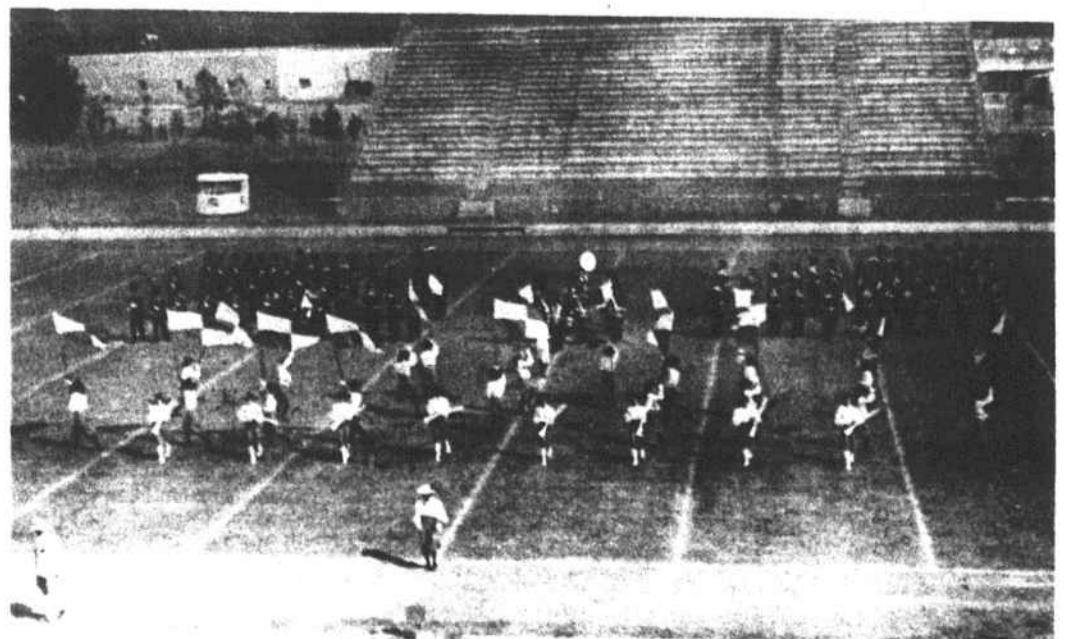
Tribute To Youth

Jeff Upchurch, a sixteen year-old Hoke High student who died of acute lymphoblastic leukemia last week, received a posthumous tribute from his classmates Friday night at the Bucks game played here.

The football, dedicated to Jeff, was presented to his family following the game. Jeff was one of the trainers of the Bucks.

The half-time entertainment was dedicated to Jeff and a poem in memory was read aloud by principal Allen Edwards. The Hoke High marching band, of which Jeff was a member, dedicated their music to him.

In his freshman year, Jeff Upchurch was a star on the wrestling team and he joined the junior varsity baseball team in his sophomore year.



WINNERS -- The Hoke County High School Band, under the direction of Jimmy James, competed in its first marching festival Saturday and received a superior rating in class III. The marching Bucks will participate this Saturday in the Richmond County Band Festival at Richmond County Senior High.