

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather is not what we would call fall weather but for the past several days has been like winter. The temperature has been in the 30s for the last couple of mornings. The forecast is for it to warm up by the weekend.

If the World Series follows the pattern of the first two days it will soon be over. The Reds don't seem to want to prolong it. As most of you know the players share of the series comes from the first four games only. So the teams are playing for free, so to speak, after the fourth game.

So maybe the TV will resume regular programs after Wednesday night.

While on the subject of television I wonder what the rating people do when they call a house and ask what program is being watched and the household has more than one set. Do they rate all programs or do they just forget the call?

This came to mind Sunday night when my wife was watching Kojak and this writer was in another part of the house watching the baseball game. Maybe they just take the one that answers the phone.

Mary Alice and I took in the State-Carolina football game last weekend at Chapel Hill. It was a sellout and from the people sitting in the walkways, standing room only tickets must have been sold also. We went with a group from Fayetteville and Fort Bragg that consisted of seven buses.

The Carolina folks were loud and clear on the way up to Kenan Stadium but for some reason it was reversed on the way back.

This weekend another trip is planned to Chapel Hill with the wife and Sarah and John. Now this is always a fine outing for the family each year but it is a little difficult this year.

Mary Alice is a graduate of East Carolina and Sarah and John finished at Carolina so I just will be sitting waiting for the final whistle to see what happens. Someone is going to have a long ride home.

Lori Niven, one of the cheerleaders at Hoke High, has been keeping the office on Saturday morning for the past several weeks. Last Saturday she left a note on my desk, as I was away at the football game in Chapel Hill, and didn't see her that day.

The note said:  
Bucks - 22 Patriots - 20  
The Bucks won!!  
What do you think about that Mr. Morris? I must have yelled loud enough this time, right?  
A determined cheerleader,  
Lori.

I had told her each Saturday that she wasn't cheering loud enough. Yes, Lori, you are a determined cheerleader.

Now for the mail:  
Dear Sam:  
As you know the Raeford Woman's Clubs since September 1974 have operated a thrift shop known as "The Attic." Even though this is our major ways and means project, it also is a major service project.

Our clothing has come to us through the donations of members and interested friends. At the present time we are in need of good used winter clothing, toys, furniture, and miscellaneous items. A record is made of every donation and a statement for tax purposes mailed the donor in December. Any person who has donations should bring them by "The Attic" (next door to The News-Journal office) on Thursday from 2:30 until 5:00 or on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Many thanks for the good help you always give us.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs. Alfred K. Leach, President  
Raeford Woman's Club

Now is a good time to check and get rid of things you don't need any more. They will make someone warm and happy in the days ahead.

# County Gets Extra Job Funds

## McMillan Among Nine Sullivan Nominees

Kathy McMillan of Raeford, the silver medal winner in the women's long jump at the Montreal Summer Olympics, was nominated last Wednesday by officials at the Amateur Athletic Union convention as a finalist for the 1976 Sullivan award.

Miss McMillan, 18, was among nine Olympic medalists nominated for the honor. The Sullivan Award is the nation's top prize in amateur athletics and the winner is selected by a ballot of the press and the AAU Board of Governors in January.

The award is named for James E. Sullivan, one of the founders of the AAU. The award goes to the athlete whose ability and character have had the greatest influence in advancing the standards of sportsmanship during the year.

Miss McMillan is a freshman student at Tennessee State University.

## Fireman's President Explains Confusion

Grady Peeler, president of the Hoke County Fireman's Association, expressed concern last week that some of the public may misunderstand procedures followed in answering fire calls.

"We want to reassure everyone that all fire departments in the Association answer all calls, including woods fires, and have since the Association was formed", Peeler said.

## Ex-trooper Now Deputy

Former highway patrolman J.D. Thigpen of Raeford, who was cleared in a District Court hearing here in September of charges of kidnaping, rape and crime against nature involving a Hoke County woman, has been hired by the Hoke County sheriff's department as a deputy sheriff.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington announced that Thigpen, 24, was employed Oct. 11 and is assigned as jailer - radio dispatcher. Thigpen filled one vacancy in the position.

William P. Clark, 24, also of Raeford, was also employed as a deputy sheriff and is assigned as a jailer - radio dispatcher, effective Sept. 16, Barrington said.

Starting salary for the position of jailer - radio dispatcher is \$7,000.

## Music Boosters

The Hoke County Music Booster Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 21 in the new library at Hoke High. Meeting time is 7:30 P.M. and anyone interested is invited.

## Upchurch Principal Appointed To National Advisory Council

Earl Hughes Oxendine, principal of Upchurch Junior High, was appointed by President Ford to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, becoming only the second Lumbee ever to be named to the body.

Oxendine, 44, a 1957 graduate of Pembroke State University, was among 15 council members appointed and was one of two selected from the South. He was one of five

Peeler, along with other firemen, said the confusion may have started because the sheriff's department reported it does not routinely call a rural fire department if a caller reports a fire in woods. The sheriff's dispatcher notifies the county forest service rangers in that case. However, the forest rangers may request assistance from a volunteer fire department and the request is relayed by the sheriff's dispatcher to the appropriate fire department.

"If a fire is in woods, but it is threatening somebody's house or other property, we certainly will go. We go to all calls, we would never refuse to go to a fire, wherever it was", Peeler said.

## Distrust Lingers Over Shot

The widely-publicized deaths of elderly persons who received the swine flu vaccine last week in other parts of the nation has apparently created some apprehension among Hoke Countians, despite the resumption of the immunization program in states which had halted it.

Only 117 persons showed up at the county health department on Monday to receive the monovalent



CAMPAIGN KICKOFF -- Danny DeVane, co-chairman of the 1976 United Fund campaign in Hoke County, hands over the first contribution received to UF treasurer Louise Wright. The donation was made by Mrs. Ellen C. McNeill. The UF drive has a \$22,811 goal.

shot. The monovalent shot is being administered to healthy adults under the age of 65.

"Frankly, we were disappointed," acting health center director Susan McKenzie said. The previous Friday a little more than 40 shots were given, but they were both monovalent and bivalent ones. The bivalent vaccine is being given to those age 65 and older or chronically ill.

The Hoke County Department of Health, which received 1,000 doses of the monovalent vaccine for Monday's clinic, is unable to administer shots on a daily basis because the nurses are needed for other patients.

The next day the health center will give swine flu shots is Friday from 1 - 4:30 P.M. only. Next Monday, Oct. 25, shots will be given all day beginning at 9 A.M.

## 'One Phone, One Vote' Rule

## CT&T Revives Merger Balloting

Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. announced Monday that voting procedures among Raeford telephone customers on the proposal to

merge the Raeford exchange with Fayetteville-Ft. Bragg exchanges have been revised.

Bob Marbert, assistant manager

of the Fayetteville CT&T office, said officials erred last week in reporting that each customer, regardless of how many telephone numbers the customer maintains, would receive only one ballot.

"We were incorrect about that. There will be a ballot mailed for each number. Businesses which have two numbers will receive two ballots. Three numbers, three ballots, etc.," Marbert said.

Marbert said the company is ordering approximately 3,500 ballots for the voting which is scheduled to begin Nov. 8. Most of the ballots will be mailed from the CT&T billing office in Tarboro, but duplicates for customers with more than one phone will be mailed from Fayetteville.

Deadline for returning marked ballots is still Nov. 23.

If the proposed merger, which would create a toll-free link between Raeford area and Fayetteville area exchanges, is approved by telephone subscribers, the State Utilities Commission is expected to order the change. It will take 18-24 months before it can go into effect.

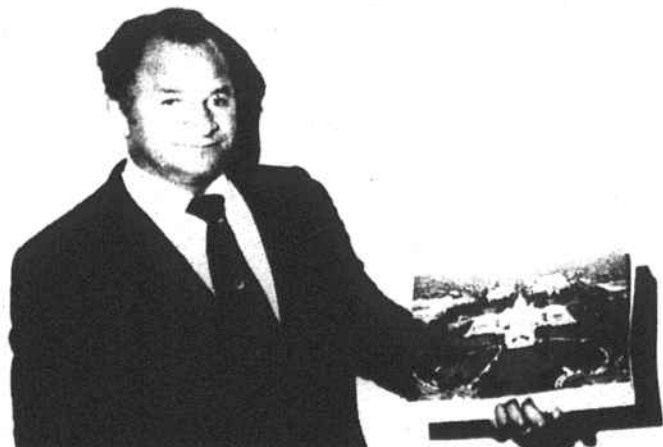
An explanation of the proposal, along with the suggested increases in basic monthly rates, will be sent with each ballot.

## Yule Lights

The Merchants' Association of Raeford will start selling chances on two bicycles this week in order to raise money to buy Christmas lights.

Association secretary Theresa McBryde said that the five-speed bicycles have been donated by Western Auto and Luke McNeill.

The chances will sell for \$1 each and will be available from members. The drawing will be held Dec. 10.



EARL HUGHES OXENDINE -- Pembroke State University alumnus, now living in Raeford, goes to Washington Oct. 27-29 as new appointee of National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Hoke County may receive upwards of \$40,000 as part of its share in anti-recession funds under legislation passed by Congress and signed into law last week.

County commissioners were notified Tuesday morning at their meeting that Hoke County will qualify under Title II of The Public Works Employment Act of 1976 which provides for distribution of \$1.25 billion to state and local governments. No application is needed, county manager T.B. Lester said, the first payment will be sent automatically sometime after Nov. 12 to qualified governments. Payments are ordered retroactive to July 1 of this year.

The anti-recession package, a short-term program to stimulate economic recovery, will be administered by the Office of Revenue Sharing within the Treasury Department. One third of the total allocation will go to state governments with the remaining two thirds to be divided among local governments.

The amount of payments is determined under a complex system using the excess unemployment percentage and the total amount of the most recent local government's federal revenue sharing award. Any jurisdiction in which the local unemployment rate falls below 4.5 per cent will not be eligible for payments, however, Hoke County seems assured of receiving funds for the duration of the program, based on current Employment Security Commission projections. The latest unemployment estimate for the county is just below seven per cent.

Payments will be made for only five calendar quarters, or 15 months, so the total amount disbursed here could exceed \$40,000, depending on fluctuations in the unemployment rate.

Lester, along with the five commissioners, expressed satisfaction at the news that the funds would be released so soon, as the actual decision was not expected for another four to six weeks.

Unlike revenue sharing funds, the money can be used for basic services and may be applied toward salaries in welfare programs, health services, and garbage collection, among others.

## Planner Quits

In other business, county planner L.G. Simpson was selected to succeed Thomas Wilkerson as tax listing supervisor at an annual salary of \$10,500. Simpson was appointed acting supervisor, effective immediately, until he completes training and receives certification from the state. William T. Altman a retired serviceman, and Anderson Hostetler, a student, also were interviewed.

No announcement of a replacement for Simpson was made. Lester said that some of the duties of county planner may be assumed by a new administrative assistant which is to be hired under the Title I funds.

The board decided to have the Department of Natural and Economic Resources contract the housing rehabilitation project which has been approved under Community Development Act funds this year after hearing a report from Simpson. The Robeson County Church and Community Center had also submitted a proposal to oversee the project. In a related matter, the construction of a neighborhood center in the South Hoke area which is also part of the CDA money - the board selected Hayes - Howell Associates of Southern Pines as architects.

## In other business, commissioners:

Approved a contract with Orkin Extermination to rid the courthouse of pigeons, with a two-year guarantee, at a cost of \$1,500;

Received notification that the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) rejected the application to enlarge the sheriff's department detective division because of lack of funds;

Appointed chairman Ralph G. Barnhart and vice-chairman Tom McBryde as a two-man committee to study the proposed personnel ordinance and report back findings;

Agreed to sub-contract certain