

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The old song "Baby, It's Cold Outside," could have been sung with much gusto Tuesday morning. I haven't seen any of the weather prophets, but it was cold enough for this writer. The reports are that it will warm up during the day and will be warmer Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Most of us don't like this kind of weather but Randall Ashburn and Clyde Teal are all smiles today. I can't remember as much cold weather this early in the season before. Usually it is after Thanksgiving that it gets this cold for as many days.

Mrs. Grant Dickson Green, the former Mildred Oliver was by the office last week and was showing me some paintings that she had exhibited at the Pine Level Woman's Club on Sunday, October 31.

Mrs. Green will be remembered as the librarian at Hoke High School for a number of years. If my memory is correct, she was librarian when the new High School opened.

The paintings in the exhibit were by Gilbert Stuart, famous British painter, and he was a close friend of Mrs. Green's husband, also by William McMaster and by Zeno Spence of Goldsboro. They were nice looking, but I am for from a judge of paintings.

It was good to see Mrs. Green, and as most of you know, she is a sister of Mrs. Walter Baker. Thanks for bringing the paintings by and I hope for you continued good health in the years ahead.

The annual meeting of the Hoke County Farm Bureau was held Monday night at the W.T. Gibson cafeteria. Mary Alice and I always look forward to this event. At an event like this you rub shoulders with many people you don't see much throughout the year.

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Thanks Pearl Childress and the Farm Bureau for a fine evening.

Occasionally something will happen in your life that picks up your spirits and gives you a good feeling that lasts for a number of days. Like when the end of World War II came and someone said that orders had come down for you to leave a Pacific Island and return to the United States and your wife.

This kind of feeling has been with me since last Wednesday morning when the man said that Jimmy Carter had carried the state that sent him over the 270 electoral votes needed to become President of the United States. Now this isn't the first Democratic president that has been elected in my lifetime but something special is there.

This is something that has happened to me that never happened to my grandfathers or my father. That is, a Southerner in the White House. I had been told many times in my life that this would never happen, but it did.

Of course we put a man on the moon before it happened but as Jackie Gleason would say, "How sweet it is!"

The turnout in Hoke County was over 65% and this was real good. Of course you always want more, but the 4200 voters is not bad.

All in all it was a fine Election Day in Hoke County for most of the voters.

Let's keep it up.

Be sure to read the Coache's Comments elsewhere in the paper. There is more to a season in your first year than winning, even if most of us use that as the only yardstick.



CONCERT -- The Hoke High Chorus and Chorale will present a fall concert entitled "A Fall Festival of Songs," Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Gibson Gym at Hoke High School. Featured selections by the group will include songs from the musical "West Side Story." Mrs. Mary Archie McNeill will direct the concert. (Photo by Rob Shook)

Holiday Closings

Some county and state government offices will close Thursday (today) in observance of Veterans Day, the traditional date.

The county manager's office, including the tax departments, will be closed, as well as the Department of Social Services. The public health center and the Employment

Security Commission office will also be closed.

The office of clerk of court in the courthouse will remain open, however, and close Nov. 26 in place of the holiday.

All city government offices will remain open, as well as schools.

In Superior Court

Arsonist Gets Ten Year Term

Judge Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., handed down a ten year jail sentence to an arsonist during the first day of criminal Superior Court last week.

Bobby Jones, Rt. 1, Box 752, Shannon, pleaded guilty to two counts of setting fire to a dwelling house on the condition that the state dismiss the first degree burglary charge against him. Jones was sentenced to ten years in the Hoke County Jail and assigned to work under the supervision of the Department of Correction for burning two houses Aug. 8, 1975 owned by Cannon Jones, his wife. One was occupied at the time of the burning by the Joneses and the other occupied by Crawford Locklear. He was credited with 54 days confinement pending trial.

James Earl Jackson, Red Springs, gave notice of appeal to the Court of Appeals after he was found guilty on one count of second degree burglary and one count of larceny. Jackson had pleaded not guilty of the charges. After the jury found him guilty as charged, Judge Rousseau sentenced him to not less than ten nor more than 12 years in jail and assigned him to work under the supervision of the Department of Correction on the burglary charge. For the larceny charge he received a ten year sentence, also with assignment to work under the supervision of the Department of

Correction. Jackson was accused of stealing a \$900 color television from the home of Marie Capps, 103 Lamont St., Raeford.

A jury found Marvin Jacobs, Jr., Pembroke, guilty of the felonious larceny of seven hogs Feb. 11, 1975 from Raeford Pork Farms, Inc., worth \$521.68. A charge of felonious receiving was dismissed by the prosecutor. Jacobs was sentenced to five years in jail and assigned to work under the supervision of the Department of Correction. The court recommended that the defendant be considered for work release, approved by the Department of Correction, and that ninety per cent of his net earnings, after payment of all expenses and upkeep, be paid to his wife for the support of her and his children.

Austin Dale Yarborough, Fayetteville, pleaded guilty to charges of breaking into a house belonging to Samuel L. Bell, Rt. 3, 5129 Highview Dr., Fayetteville, and feloniously stealing a guitar, mandolin, one pair of earrings, and two silver dollars valued at \$652. On the breaking and entering charge against him, Yarborough received a five year sentence as a committed Youthful Offender. For the larceny charge he was sentenced to jail for a period of not less than seven nor more than ten years and assigned to work under the supervision of the Department

Hardee's To Open Here In February

Less Than 1,000 Receive Flu Shot

One hundred and fifty seven persons received swine flu inoculations during the evening clinic Thursday held at the public health center.

The latest immunization pushes the total number of county residents who have received the flu shot to 932. The immunization campaign began here Oct. 11.

Susan McKenzie, acting director of the health center, said no more immunization clinics will be scheduled until the state health officials in charge of the program notify the Hoke health center how much more vaccine will be received.

The Hoke center has less than

150 doses of vaccine left out of the last shipment. Mrs. McKenzie said she felt certain Hoke County would receive an additional shipment and that the date for the next clinic would be set then.

"We are hoping to set it for a weekend to wind it up," she said. The flu immunization campaign, beset by delays in distribution and later, a scare about the safety of the vaccine, is scheduled to end in early December.

Mrs. McKenzie said most of the people here who have gotten shots are in the over-40 age group. Also, more women than men have asked for the shot.

Construction has started on a Hardee's restaurant on U.S. 401-bypass in Raeford with a projected opening for early next February, it was announced this week.

Owners of the new Hardee's are Z.A. Sneed & Sons, Inc., a Wilmington-based development firm which holds shopping centers, office buildings and other commercial properties in the southeastern United States.

Estimated construction costs of the building are \$275,000-\$300,000, according to Jack A. Sneed. Construction is scheduled to be completed by Feb. 1 and the restaurant should be opened at that time, barring any weather delays, he said.

The new unit, which will contain 3,200 square feet, will be identical to the newer Hardee's models. It will seat 96.

The restaurant will be managed by Boddie-Noell Enterprises Inc., located in Rocky Mount, the same company which manages all Fayetteville area Hardee's.

General contractor at the site, which is next to the Little Mint restaurant, is Cape Fear Construction Co. of Lumberton.

Hardee's Food Systems, based in Rocky Mount, operates approximately 1,000 restaurants in the United States. Only about one third are company-owned.

UF Gifts Coming In

The United Fund campaign has collected \$5,327 so far toward its goal of \$22,811, UF co-chairman Danny DeVane announced.

"We are looking good, and we are very pleased with the efforts of everyone. I believe we will make that goal, but there are many people who haven't been contacted yet," he said.

DeVane said that anyone who wishes to make a contribution who hasn't been contacted by a canvasser can mail checks to P.O. Box N, Raeford, in care of DeVane.

"We might mention that you don't have to have a donor card to make a contribution. We don't have donor cards prepared for everyone, just the businesses and stores. So if you want to give, just mail a check. It will be appreciated very much," DeVane said.

Incest Charges Brought

Attorney R. Palmer Willcox surrendered a client charged with two counts of incest to Sheriff Dave Barrington Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Sheriff's Department.

Thomas Boyd Brisson, 31, of Rt. 3, Box 574 A, Fayetteville, was arrested and charged with two counts of incest with his stepdaughters, ages 15 and 16, following an investigation by sheriff's detectives.

Brisson, an unemployed electrician, posted the combined \$20,000 bond shortly after his arrest.

Preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 19 in District Court. The alleged victims are presently under the control of the Hoke County Department of Social Services.

Rose's Office Here Nov. 18

The mobile office of Rep. Charlie Rose (7th District) will be in Raeford Thursday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the post office parking lot.

Administrative assistant Rip Collins will be on hand.

Campaign Focuses On Child Abuse

In a fit of rage, a father slapped his two year-old son because the child would not go to sleep on time. Ice helped reduce the swelling. A week earlier, the father knocked down his one year-old daughter because she stood up one too many times in the bathtub. The children were severely bruised in both incidents.

A one month-old infant was found near the point of death. The child, dehydrated and starving, was discovered by a social worker. The mother, numb and overwhelmed at the prospect of child rearing, was huddled in a corner.



Although these cases don't attract national headlines, they are fairly typical instances of child abuse and child neglect which occur every day in North Carolina and elsewhere in the nation. These happened here in Hoke County.

During the last six months of 1975, 1,186 cases of child abuse were reported in North Carolina, of which 688 were confirmed by county departments of social services. For the same period, 5,467 child neglect cases were reported and 2,349 of those were later confirmed.

In a twelve month period spanning 1974-75, 25 deaths attributed to either abuse or neglect occurred in North Carolina.

Child abuse, like alcoholism or mental retardation, may be a subject which the public does not feel comfortable with, and for those who are dealing with such a problem among family members, the feeling may be to "sweep it under the rug". Yet heightened public awareness is one of the keys to tackling the child abuse-neglect problem and for that reason the Hoke County Department of Social Services, together with the public affairs department of the Raeford Junior Woman's Club, has designated Nov. 14-20 as Child Abuse Awareness Week.

According to Hobart Freeman, social work supervisor for the Hoke County Department of Social Services, the goal of the special campaign is to help the abusing parent find solutions to the problems which have caused the abuse to occur.

Some of the services which can be provided include foster care, mental health services, counseling for special problems, homemaker services, financial assistance if eligible, and other resources that could be related to eliminating the abusing parent problem.

Freeman estimates that, on the average, eight cases of abuse or neglect are reported here in Hoke

County, or about 100 a year. Half of these are confirmed by DSS social workers who are assigned to investigate them.

Recently, a small child was admitted to a hospital. The diagnosis read "multiple bruises and contusions about the body -- broken nose". The child had disobeyed his father.

Through the 1971 Child Abuse Reporting Law, the father's role in the boy's injuries was brought to the attention of the authorities, and with special counseling, the father was able to work out his problems and there were no more instances of beating.

Under the Child Abuse Reporting Law, any professional person who suspects that a child is being mistreated or neglected, or any other person with knowledge, is required to report the case to the local Department of Social Services. Any person reporting such information in good faith is immune from criminal or civil liability.

Freeman explained that the DSS makes every effort to protect the identity of informants. Of course, if a case reaches the courts, this is no longer possible.

However, the real aim of combatting child abuse, in Freeman's view, is not to prosecute an offender unless it is an extreme case or the abuse is chronic. Social workers would rather deal with the source of the problem, which is usually some frustration unrelated to the parent's feelings about his child.

The public awareness campaign here next week will focus on the problem next Thursday night with an open meeting beginning at 7:30 in Raeford Elementary School.

A thirty minute film, "Don't Give Up On Me", depicting an abusing parent who seeks help, will be shown at the meeting. Kathy Jonas, regional