

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The only comment we will make about the weather is that it is HOT!

A couple of weeks ago we had in this column an item about the attendance at church services on Sunday morning and made mention to the fact that the beaches and golf courses must have some of the absent members.

Last week I received the following message on a post card that had a picture of the ocean showing the sea oats, sand and surf at Holden Beach.

Dear Sam:

After seeing your last week's column, I thought I should let you know that the Holden Beach Chapel by the Sea has been full the last three Sundays. (I saw it.)

Kay Thomas

Thanks Kay for the card, but did you see any good Presbyterians at the Chapel?

Mrs. John McKeithan, who lives on East Prospect Avenue, was by the office last week and had a copy of a newspaper dated May 14, 1944. Now this in itself, is not so important, but the place that the paper was published did strike me as timely. It was printed in New Guinea during World War II. The name of the paper was "Guinea Gold."

Mrs. McKeithan said her son, Julian, had brought the paper home with other military keepsakes after World War II and she found it the other day while going through some old things.

The paper was filled with news of all types, but mostly National and War news.

Mrs. Kathryn Walters Hutchison of Jacksonville, Florida was recently named the Outstanding Employee of the Month at the U.S. PHS Outpatient Clinic in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Hutchison is a native of Raeford and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Walters of this city. She is a sister to Mrs. Johnny King who lives at 117 Dickson Street.

The citation stated "She has been exceptionally competent in her work performance and in addition, she has mastered myriad of intricacies of this particular clinic's operation. It is here that her contributions have been above and beyond the duties in her job description."

Congratulations Kathryn.

H.R. McLean was by the office recently and had an invitation to the 60th wedding anniversary of his brother and wife in Dunedin, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Neill T. McLean, Sr. were married 60 years on July 8, 1917. The invitation stated "For reason of health a reception will not be given. Best wishes will be appreciated." The invitation was sent by the couple's daughters: Lillian Green, Louise Brice, and Flora Connelly.

Mr. McLean's wife was the former Esther Gorrell of Dunedin. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Make McLean of Hoke County. He left for Florida about 1911. He worked for the Food Machinery Co. of Dunedin.

Other brothers and sisters of Mr. McLean still living are H.R. of Raeford, John of Aberdeen, Archie of Clearwater, Fla., Mrs. Marshall Beatty of Dunedin and Mrs. Lawrence McCormick of Nichols, S.C.

Congratulations to this couple on their 60th wedding anniversary.

I understand that Bill Upchurch was winner of the July 4th Golf tournament at the Arabia Golf Club, who the other winners were, I couldn't find out.

Clyde Upchurch was in charge of the program at the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday night. Clyde came at the numbers with a double - action program. First he presented his daughter, Diane Guthrie, who is visiting here, and she sang some patriotic songs which were enjoyed by the club

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NEAR MISS -- This mobile home on RPR 1208 was narrowly missed by a tree blown over in tornadic winds Saturday. Several signs of damage were visible in the area along RPR 1208 and 1145. The winds and rain sweeping across the county did bring a brief respite from the hundred degree temperatures. [Photo by S.H. Aplin]

Hoke High School students will have an unusual lunchtime decision to make this fall. They may eat for free or they may pay.

The Hoke County Board of Education approved a trial lunchroom policy Monday night that will set up two lunchrooms at the high school, one offering free "Type A" lunches for all students, and one offering hamburgers, hot dogs and milkshakes for sale.

Supt. G. Raz Autry said that the board agreed to try the new system during the fall semester. He indicated that there are other schools in the state now using this plan.

In the elementary schools, all students will be given free lunches and only ice cream will be offered for sale.

In other items on the agenda, board members approved the hiring of new personnel for the coming year. New teachers approved included Clyde Campbell, who will work at Hoke High as a line coach and P.E. teacher; Susan Phillips, who will serve as an interim teacher for Susan Houston; and Barbara Chittenden, who will work at South Hoke.

Also approved for employment were Alice Charles, maintenance worker, and Larry Morrissey, watchman.

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Dual School Lunch Set

Armory Pushed

The state's share of the cost of constructing a new National Guard Armory in Raeford was approved by the General Assembly in the new budget, State Rep. David R. Parnell (D-21st District) announced last week.

\$64,000 was appropriated by the legislature toward the cost of the estimated \$464,000 facility.

Under a federal assistance plan outlined in January of 1976,

Raeford will receive final approval sometime after fiscal year 1978 for the start of the project. The local share of the cost is approximately \$58,000 and federal funds will make up the balance.

A five acre tract of land was purchased last year on U.S. 401-bypass for the site.

The federal assistance program is designed to replace older and

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Mounds Of Garbage Bring On Headaches

The changeover to a new trash disposal service July 1, coupled with a long holiday weekend, brought on headaches to residents and county officials alike, as mounds of garbage piled up for more than a week at dozens of the container sites scattered around the county and private trash collection customers found themselves cut off.

Sanitary Container Service of Lumberton, a division of Brenner Industries, began county-wide service here July 1 under a new contract awarded June 21. Pick-up Sanitation Service of Raeford, which had the county business for the past several years, was outbid on this year's contract and ended service June 30.

County sanitarian M.R. Mills, in charge of environmental health service, blamed the problem on the timing of the changeover and also said the system was "left in a mess."

"I've had calls from all over the county and I've tried to tell people that it will just take a little time for a new service to get organized. July 1 is just a bad time to put in a new system. With the holiday period and so many travelers out on the roads, it just got real bad," Mills said.

"They (Sanitary) have promised to get the situation taken care of

by this week. They'll be bringing in extra trucks to get it all. I spent all afternoon with them last Thursday, mapping out these routes and getting the names down for the container sites," he said.

Fred Snyder, Lumberton manager for Sanitary, said that his trucks had serviced all of the 119 containers by noon on Saturday, July 2, but that because of heavy use, many of them were filled to overflowing again by Sunday. On Monday, July 4, the crew had an equipment breakdown.

"We brought two trucks in this week and we expect to have all of them emptied by the end of the day," Snyder said Monday. "We've hired two separate cleanup crews to get them in shape. There's a little work to be done. Some of the containers will be relocated, and some of the ones that are badly rusted out will have to be replaced. This will be at no cost to the county, of course," he said.

Concerning the 200 or so families who were left without door to door pickup, Snyder said he expects to begin establishing service for those customers within a week.

"When the other contract expired, I went to Mr. Leach (owner of the Pick-up Sanitation Service) and explained that if he was truly concerned about his

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Magistrates Hiked To 5

Funds were approved in the state budget for 1977-78 to give Hoke County two additional magistrates, thus helping to relieve a shortage which has resulted in overwork and 16-hour days for some of the magistrates here.

Juanita Edmund, clerk of court, had requested one additional magistrate, however, she said Friday that Hoke County was really authorized for four magistrates, so the state action had merely brought up the allotment to full strength and increased it by one.

Bert Montague, director of the administrative office of the courts in Raleigh, said the paperwork would be coming down to officials within the week and the two new magis-

trates could be appointed within a month.

Starting salaries for magistrates vary from district to district, however, \$7,800 was allotted for each one in the budget. Mrs. Edmund said she already has several applications on file.

The magistrates are appointed by Superior Court Judge Maurice Braswell, chief resident judge, upon recommendations of the clerk of court.

The additional appointees will mean that all local magistrates will be able to work a 40 hour week now, Mrs. Edmund said. With only three, if one was on vacation or absent, unless a replacement was sent from Cumberland County, someone

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Once-Elegant Downtown Home To Be Razed For Parking Lot

The Raeford City Council voted Monday night to raze the once-elegant Sinclair home on W. Edinborough Ave. to make room for a municipal parking lot.

With only councilman Sam C. Morris absent, the vote was unanimous to purchase the property for \$39,000. City manager Robert Drumwright said the city had obtained a 60-day option on the property from the owners and the option expired Aug. 30.

The money for the purchase will come out of the special downtown improvement fund in this year's city budget, Drumwright said. No estimate was given Monday night on the cost of demolishing the house. The city manager estimated the costs of paving and lighting the lot at \$6,000-\$10,000.

Capacity of the new parking area will be 71 cars.

Drumwright told councilmen that the plan is to have entrances to the lot from both Elwood and Edinborough avenues. The pecan and crepe myrtle trees will have to be cut but the two large oaks can stay, he said.

The stately old home with its Corinthian column, built between 1903-1908, had fallen into disrepair in recent years. It was one of the first homes built in Raeford.

No timetable for the start of the parking lot project was given by officials Monday night.

In other business, councilmen rejected a recommendation from Drumwright to ban left turns at the intersection of Elwood Ave. and Main St. The street, which was changed back to

two-way traffic two weeks ago, has become heavily congested at the Main St. corner at certain times when one car making a left turn holds up an entire line of traffic, the police chief said.

Drumwright urged that both left turns off of Main onto Elwood and left turns off of Elwood onto Main be prohibited, but council Clark said it would be too "confusing" and inconvenient for drivers.

The council did order a no-parking zone on Harris Ave. to extend 350 feet from the Magnolia St. intersection. The action was taken to prepare for the left-turn only lane which is to be put into effect at the corner for the ease of motorists traveling to the county office building.

In other street matters, councilmen agreed to close W. Fifth Ave. between Magnolia and Main St. to traffic between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the request of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

A summer playground program for youngsters is held daily at the Raeford Elementary School playground which fronts Fifth Ave. and the recreation staff felt the traffic could be a hazard to the children crossing the street.

The council rejected the bids received on surplus city property as too low and directed the city manager to negotiate with private individuals or contractors. A total of only \$400 was bid for water coolers, a furnace and air conditioner and other fixtures in the fire department, police

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TRASH PILE -- The changeover to a new trash collection service on the first of the month, coupled with the long holiday weekend, left many of the garbage container sites in the county in this condition. To add to the problem, over 200 private residential customers were cut off from service temporarily and discovered they would either have to haul their garbage, or live with it.