

## Around Town

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The weather is hot and humid again and in the early morning, for those who sleep late, the fog is thick and most people are driving with their lights on. Of course some folks don't believe in turning their lights on in foggy weather, but it does help the other driver.

With the long Labor Day weekend coming up, maybe the weather will hold and a few rounds of golf can be played.

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The golf tournament at Pinehurst was played last week in perfect weather and the attendance was the best they have ever had. With the TV coverage and the sponsorship of Colgate, maybe the tournament was somewhat a financial success. According to all reports, the tournament has lost money every year it has been put on.

It was hard for most people who had played the No. 2 course at Pinehurst to believe that anyone would shoot 20 under par for the four rounds in tournament play. Every day you would hear people say that they would place the pins so that the scores would go up, but the course was in such perfect condition, it was impossible to keep the good golfers from scoring.

It was good for Hale Irwin to win by five strokes but is it not good for the TV sponsors and the tournament sponsors. A run-away is not good to look at or not to see a golfer get in trouble occasionally.

I suspect that the powers to be at Pinehurst are already figuring out ways to make it tougher on the pros next year.

All we can do is wait and see!

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The Hoke High Bucks football team opens its season Friday night at the stadium against Seventy-First. Game time is eight o'clock and a large crowd is expected for the opening game.

The Booster Club is once again asking for your support and if you haven't joined, a member of that organization will more than ask you to do so as you approach the stadium. Don't turn your head, but pull out \$5 and boost the Bucks.

Also the music Boosters need your support. Look at the band performance and then think of what a small donation could do to aid them.

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Last week at the meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis Club a VIP from Exxon spoke to the club. He was brought to the club by Lawrence Bounds, who was in charge of the program. His talk was filled with facts and figures concerning the price of oil and he made many good points for the oil industry. Of course, even if big business is right when it comes to pricing a product, if it is touching our pocketbook, we will start making noises against the company before we know any side but ours. This is just human nature and I don't believe time will be a cure.

The program was interesting and the speaker was well informed on his subject.

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While on the subject of Raeford Kiwanis Club, Julian King, president asked that I remind all Kiwanians that the club would meet this week at the Captain's Place, rather than the Civic Center. Time is the same - 6:30 p.m.

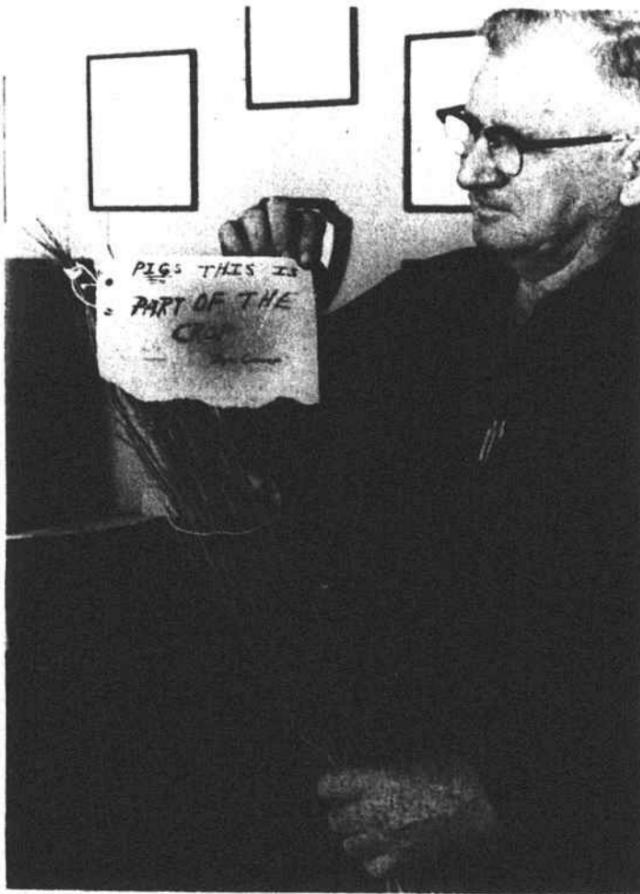
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I don't know if the season or the moon has anything to do with it. (See AROUND TOWN, Page 13)

## N-J Office To Be Shut

The News-Journal office will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

All news announcements and articles must be turned in by noon on Friday, Sept. 2, for publication in next week's issue.



CALLING CARD -- County ABC Officer J.K. Riley doesn't leave a calling card when he uproots a marijuana patch, as he often times has occasion to do in his travels through the woods, but a disgruntled "customer" who found that Riley had visited his illegal garden decided to leave a greeting. This note was attached to stalks which had been stripped of their leaves and left on the doorstep of the jail. The note reads "Pigs this is part of the crop" and is signed "Dope Grower". Riley says he knows who the funnyman is.

## Concerts Nov. 1

## N.C. Symphony To Visit Here

The newly organized Hoke County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony announced that the Little Symphony will perform in Raeford Nov. 1 in the high school auditorium.

The Little Symphony, with Conductor James Ogle, will present a children's concert for all fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils that morning, also in the high school auditorium. The evening performance, at 8:15, is for older students and adults.

The Chapter will kick off its membership drive at a meeting today (Thursday) at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Education office. Symphony staff members Richard Walker, director of education, and Patty Shelley, director of community service, will attend.

Members of the chapter will be selling season tickets for the 1977-78 statewide concert series. Memberships are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. A membership, which entitles the purchaser to admission to the Raeford concert, is also valid for admission to concerts scheduled in other cities with a \$1 surcharge.

## 4 Men Charged In Hog Heist Case

Four men, including a McCain prison guard, have been charged with felonious larceny in connection with a series of hog heists which reportedly involved about \$5,000 worth of stock.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington identified the suspects as Bobby Locklear, 31, a Department of Corrections employee at McCain Prison, of Rt. 1, Box 12-A, Aberdeen; Locklear's brother, Tony Neil Locklear, 18, of Old Trail Mobile Home Park, Sylvester Locklear, 17, of Rt. 1, Box 120-B, Aberdeen, and Harley Junior Cummings, of Rt. 3, Box 266, Raeford.

The sheriff said the arrests capped a month-long investigation of hog rustling conducted by Capt. J.R. Riley, Sgt. J.E. Murdock, and deputies C.E. Harris and L.D. Foster, together with ABC agent J.K. Riley.

The men were arrested Aug. 21 after deputies staked out at Raeford Livestock, Inc. found ten hogs taken from the property loaded on two vehicles, the sheriff said. Several suspects fled the scene on

foot and the four men were apprehended later, using bloodhounds in the search. Barrington said.

The men initially were each charged with one count of felonious larceny and Barrington said additional warrants are being drawn. The sheriff said four hogs were stolen from C.F. McBryde in July and 15-20 hogs were stolen from Earl Hendrix in two separate incidents during the first two weeks in August. Raeford Livestock Inc. also reported six hogs stolen on Aug. 19.

The sheriff said some of the stolen stock has been traced to a Siler City market.

Bobby Locklear and Tony Locklear were released under \$2,000 bond to await a Sept. 9 district court appearance. Cummings and Sylvester Locklear were jailed in lieu of bond.

A spokesman at McCain Prison said Bobby Locklear was suspended from his job without pay and his resignation had been requested.

## Daring Break-in Nets Drug Haul

A large quantity of drugs were stolen Friday night in a daring rooftop break-in at a downtown pharmacy, the second such burglary in two years at the store.

Police Chief V.L. Wiggins said the thieves gained access to Hoke Drug Co. on Main St. after entering three other

businesses. A padlock on the door on the roof of Sports Barber Shop was cut and entry was gained through the ceiling to Louise's Beauty Shop, next door to Hoke Drug.

The police chief said the intruders attempted to drive a hole through the wall between the beauty shop and the

drugstore but gave up. An undetermined amount of cash and a radio were taken from the beauty shop, and the barber shop and Poole Insurance Agency offices were ransacked but apparently nothing was taken.

An ax, which was found at the scene, was used to chop a hole through the roof of the drugstore, Wiggins said. The thieves then dropped to the ceiling of the store and apparently used a saw to go through the ceiling, and then climbed down a cabinet to the pharmacy area where the drugs were kept. The area was left in shambles.

Wiggins said at least two men, and possibly three, were involved. They left the store through the roof.

The State Bureau of Investigation and Fayetteville narcotics bureau agents have been called into the investigation.

On Nov. 4, 1975, a similar break-in occurred at the store and drugs were removed by thieves who entered through the roof. Two Fayetteville men were later arrested and convicted in Cumberland County Superior Court.

Several years before, the drugstore was broken into and the stolen drugs were later found on the edge of the Ft. Bragg reservation. No arrests were made.

## Pupils Shifted

Second, third and fourth graders living in the North Raeford MHP and old Queenmore neighborhoods will attend West Hoke School, not McLaughlin Elementary School as announced previously.

Kindergarten and first grade pupils from those areas will attend McLaughlin.

For further information, contact the Board of Education office or the school principal's office.

## Monday A Holiday

All city and county offices will be closed next Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The Hoke County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night as scheduled, however the Raeford City Council will meet one week later, Sept. 12, for its regular meeting.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 9 a.m. instead of Monday.

## Fowler Named Chamber Manager

Chamber of Commerce President Earl N. Fowler was named to fill the position of Chamber manager at the Aug. 19 called meeting of the board of directors.

A formal announcement was issued by Internal Vice President William McDonald who indicated that Fowler submitted his resignation as president effective Aug. 31 and will assume the responsibilities of manager Sept. 6.

Fowler's application for the position was submitted along with approximately 20 others.



Billy Crawley

## Magistrate Appointed

W.S. (Bill) Crawley, an Arabia resident, was appointed the newest Hoke County magistrate last week.

Crawley, 61, was named to the \$7,500 a year post by Chief District Court Judge Derb S. Carter upon recommendation from Clerk of Court Juanita Edmund. He is undergoing two weeks of training in Fayetteville and will assume his new duties in mid-September.

A native of Hoke County, Crawley was employed by John Deere Tractor Co. until the company ceased operations here. He operated a flower and plant business from his home until recently.

He and his wife Vernon Crawley have two children, Bill, 35, and Sandra, 20.



Earl Fowler

A Lumberton native, Fowler met and married his wife Marilyn here in Raeford. They have eleven-year-old twins, Carmen and Franklin.

Fowler graduated from Lumberton High School and attended the University of Indiana before launching a career with the A & P. He retired from that company April 1.

His job with the A & P took him from Raeford to Laurinburg, Winston-Salem, Burlington and back to Raeford. He worked as a district supervisor in Burlington.

He was elected to a three-year term as director of the Chamber, serving one full year before taking the reins as president.

Fowler said of his new position, "We want to make sure we are properly and adequately serving the community, county and all Chamber members. We want to see that all our members are taken care of before we venture into any new areas."

Fowler will be replacing Dayna Pate who resigned Aug. 1.

McDonald said that the new Chamber president will be selected and announced at the regular board meeting Sept. 13.