

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Maybe I shouldn't write about the weather, but it has been perfect for the past week. The nights are cool, but the days are for all outdoor activities. One person remarked to me the other day that it would suit him for the weather to stay this way year round. This would be nice for most of us but the cycle of weather makes nature take care of all things and I don't believe man is capable of doing this.

Anyway, enjoy it while you can, because colder days are ahead.

From all reports, the reunion of the 1936 Hoke High football team was a success. It was nice to see Walter Barrington while he was in town. He dropped by the office with Sam Snead last Thursday and of course many old tales were recalled by the three of us.

It is good to get together with school day chums and recall events and people of over 40 years ago.

Thanks for the visit, Barry, and may this team have many more days together.

While recalling old teams, I opened a letter this week and all that was on the inside was a card. The letter was addressed to Colonel Sam C. Morris. It was from Bill Williamson of Hamlet and Laurinburg, who was in the National Guard unit here in the late 30's and was the battery bugler.

The card was a membership in the Scotch Tiger Association with the rank of Colonel.

The card read as follows: "To the honorable Sam C. Morris, whereas, reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor and fidelity, I do by these presents constitute and appoint you Colonel in the Scotch Tiger's Army to take rank as such from the date of this commission and to hold such office under the conditions prescribed by law."

It was signed Bill Williamson, President of The Scotch Tigers.

Of course, knowing Bill, he always has something going, but it does leave a few questions in one's mind when he receives a card like this. What will the dues be each year? If I am a Colonel, who are the Generals? What is the purpose behind this organization?

These are just a few things that came to mind when only a card was in the envelope. Anyway it was good to hear from Bill again and have the second such thing happen in a week. That is seeing or hearing from someone from 40 years ago.

Don't forget the N.C. Symphony Concert Tuesday night at Hoke High at eight o'clock. Tickets will be available at the door for anyone that hasn't bought membership cards.

Also all college students will be admitted for student price on the showing of their college ID card.

Hope to see all of you at the High School for the concert.

Now, an event to mark on your calendar. The Hoke County Music Booster Club will sponsor a bazaar and dinner at the W.T. Gibson School cafeteria on Friday evening, November 18. The price of the meal will be \$2.50. This will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and should get everyone ready for Thanksgiving.

Now this is just part of what you will get for your money. During the evening the Hoke High Chorale under the direction of Mrs. Mary A. McNeill will entertain. Also the Upchurch School chorus under the direction of Mrs. Linda Huff will perform and to top the evening off the Band under the leadership of Jimmy James will play.

Now this is not a concert, just wholesome entertainment while you enjoy turkey, dressing and the works.

What more could you ask for \$2.50, and on top of that, it is for a good cause.

Will I see you there?

Membership At 650

Symphony Performance Nov. 1

D.O.T. Secretary To Speak In City

N.C. Department of Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw will visit Raeford Thursday, Nov. 3, to speak on the \$300,000,000 State Highway Bonds constitutional amendment.

The State Highway Bonds, which will be voted on in the Nov. 8 election, would be used over a

period of five years for constructing, improving or relocating roads, bridges, tunnels and other highway facilities.

Secretary Bradshaw is scheduled to arrive in Raeford at 10:25 a.m. and speak from the courthouse lawn. The visit is part of a 10-day speaking tour throughout the state.

Lester's Condition 'Guarded', Simpson Named To Fill In

Lester G. Simpson, tax listing supervisor, was appointed acting county manager and finance director last week as T.B. Lester continues to remain hospitalized.

Lester, 65, was listed Tuesday in guarded condition in the intensive care unit of Cape Fear Valley Hospital, where he was admitted Sept. 25. Since undergoing surgery he developed double pneumonia and other complications, a family spokesman said. No visitors are permitted except the immediate family.

All five county commissioners met in a special meeting last Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. According to minutes of the meeting, Simpson was appointed to act in place of Lester in addition to his duties in the tax office. The board ordered a \$200 per month supplement to his salary.

Bill Altman, the county's administrative assistant, had been named acting clerk to the board of commissioners Oct. 3. The board ordered that Simpson relieve Altman of his clerk's duties.

Superior Court Opens Monday

Criminal Superior Court will be held the week of Oct. 31 with Judge D. Marsh McLelland presiding. The trial calendar will be called at 10:00 a.m. on Monday and at 9:30 a.m. each weekday thereafter.

The following cases are docketed: Monday: William Floyd Brown, probation violation; Ander Burns, Jr., assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious bodily injury. Edwin Byron Parks, murder; Chriss Locklear, possession of marijuana; Larry Donald McCain, speeding 67 in a 55 m.p.h. zone; Leonard Harris, breaking, entering and larceny and assault on an officer; Mavis Sturdivant, driving under the influence; James Farmer, driving under the influence, carrying a concealed weapon; William David Lunsford, driving under the influence, second offense; David Locklear, worthless check, four counts, show cause order for contempt, two counts, failure to appear.

The following cases will be heard Tuesday: James Tillman Long, assault on a female, assault on an

officer, driving under the influence, third offense, and driving with license revoked. John Junior Roper, receiving stolen goods; P.K. Melvin, Jr., misdemeanor receiving stolen goods, non-support; William McMillan, driving under the influence, second offense; John McIntosh, larceny; Dennis Eugene Davis, driving under the influence, third offense; Terry Hines, non-support.

Wednesday the following cases will be heard: David Burton, probation violation; Benny Jackson, shooting into occupied building, injury to personal property; Howard Adams, manslaughter; Ronnie Gibson, auto larceny; Jake B. Maynard, auto larceny.

James Douglas Monroe, Jr., driving under the influence; Joe Alexander Wilson, driving under the influence and no operator's license; Donald Carl Peterson, driving under the influence, fourth offense; Richard Palmer, driving under the influence, third offense; (See SUPERIOR COURT, Page 15)



CONDUCTOR -- John Gosling will conduct the North Carolina Little Symphony in Raeford Nov. 1 at the Hoke High auditorium at 8:15 p.m.



CHILDREN'S CONCERT -- Jackson Parkhurst will conduct children's concert for 4th, 5th, 6th graders.

The North Carolina Little Symphony will perform in Raeford on Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the Hoke County High School Gymnasium at 8:15 p.m.

Admission will be by season membership, which is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Anne Hostetler, membership chairman, said the total membership sales stand at 655. Tickets will also be available at the door. College students will be admitted at student price by showing school identification.

In addition to the Nov. 1 evening concert, the Little Symphony will perform an educational concert for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade Hoke County schoolchildren earlier on Nov. 1. Maestro John Gosling will conduct the orchestra for the adult concert and Jackson Parkhurst will conduct the children's concert.

Maestro Gosling recently announced the concert program. It will feature the Little Symphony performing Gabrielli's "Sonata Piano e Forte," Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances, Nos. I and III," and Grieg's "Peer Gynt: Suite No. 1." Other works to be performed are "Suite Provinciale" by Chabrier and selections from "The Sound of Music" by Richard Rogers.

The Symphony has performed in Raeford only once before, in the 1960's.

Gosling, American both by birth and training, is currently serving his sixth year as artistic director and conductor of the North Carolina Symphony. He has previously served in this capacity with several orchestras including the Erie Philharmonic and the Monterey Symphony Orchestra. A popular guest conductor, he has appeared with a number of orchestras both in the U.S. and world-wide. Gosling is also the founder of "Music from Bear Valley," a festival held each year in California's High Sierra mountains.

Parkhurst, currently the conductor of the Brevard Chamber Orchestra and the Brevard College Collegiate Singers, was the assistant conductor of the North Carolina Symphony from 1969 - 1971. He has studied at Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the Manhattan School of Music, receiving his masters degree in orchestral conducting from the latter institution.

Violinists Eileen Korbach and Eric McCracken will also be featured as the soloists performing Bach's Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins and String Orchestra (BMV 1043).

Miss Korbach, now in her third season as a member of the violin section of the North Carolina Symphony, was an honor graduate of the Duquesne University School of Music, studying with Charnian Gadd and Richard Goldner. She was awarded the Seibert Medal for excellence in violin performance. She was also awarded first place violin competitions sponsored by the Pittsburgh Concert Society and was a member of Walter Susskind's International Youth Orchestra in Switzerland in 1972.

The North Carolina Little Symphony is one of two performing entities created periodically by the division of the full North Carolina Symphony in half. This division is done in order to reach areas that do not have either the financial resources or the physical facilities necessary for a full orchestra performance.

Each Little Symphony consists of approximately 35 musicians drawn from the full orchestra. The Little Symphony, which performs both evening concerts and (See SYMPHONY, Page 12)

Teacher Charged On DUI Suspended

An elementary schoolteacher was suspended from her job last week following her arrest for driving under the influence.

G. Hardman New Deputy



Guy D. Hardman III joined the Hoke County Sheriff's department Oct. 18, replacing J.D. Thigpen who is assigned to road duty.

Hardman graduated from Seventy First High School in Fayetteville in 1969. He attended Campbell College and East Carolina University and is currently enrolled at Fayetteville Technical Institute in a criminal justice course. He was discharged from the Army this month.

Starting salary for deputies is \$7,600.

Hardman will be working as jailer - dispatcher. He is 26 years old, married, and has one child. The Hardmans reside at 801 Carolina Drive.

Mrs. Arlicia Raye, 46, of 1815 Broadell Dr., Fayetteville, was arrested Oct. 19 while she was driving to her job at South Hoke School early in the morning. According to the charge filed at the courthouse, a Breathalyzer test was administered and the reading was .18. Under North Carolina law, a reading of .10 or higher is "presumptive" of being under the influence.

Mrs. Raye was released under \$200 personal bond and a Nov. 17 District Court appearance was set.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called at 1 p.m. Oct. 19. According to minutes of the meeting, the four members present (Bill Howell was absent) ordered that Mrs. Raye be suspended from her job. Asst. Supt. Ernest Sutton said the suspension was without pay.

The Board of Education met again Monday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. for a special meeting to discuss the matter in executive (closed) session for one hour and 15 minutes with board attorney William Moses.

School Supt. G. Raz Autry said Mrs. Raye had requested the hearing Monday night, however, she failed to appear. Contacted at her home later, she declined comment on the matter.

Mrs. Raye, a second grade teacher, has been employed by the Hoke system for the past 10 years, the superintendent said.

Park Land Sought

The Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in finding land for sale for development of a county park. Recreation Director Don Slaughter announced.

The Commission would like to purchase 25 - 50 acres. Anyone who would be interested in selling land may contact the recreation office at 875-5603.

Scholarships Announced For Pageant

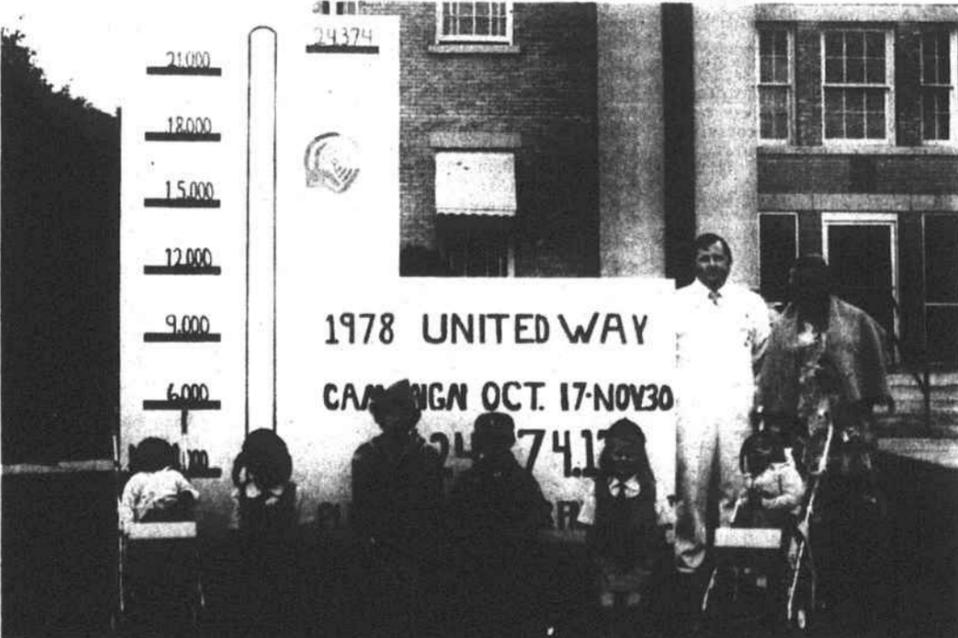
The Raeford Jaycees announced two scholarships to be awarded in the Miss Raeford Pageant to be held Dec. 30.

The Raeford Turkey Plant has donated a \$100 scholarship and Summerfield Industries donated a \$350 scholarship.

The entry committee recently mailed letters to prospective contestants, although the competition is open to all who are interested and meet the qualifications.

Applications for the pageant are available at The News-Journal office, Radio Station WSHB, DeVane's Department Store and Hoke Auto.

For more information contact Ken Koonce, general chairman, at 875-2066.



UNITED WAY -- Pictured in front of the thermometer are Anthony Morrissey, [left] and Fonda Farmer [right] from the Hoke County Developmentally Disabled Center. Brownies Melynee Morgan [right] and Daphne Mayer [left]. Tony Barefoot from the Boy Scouts. Cub Scout John Sappenfield. Robert Conoly from the Hoke County Rescue Squad and Mary Barrett representing the senior citizens. Not represented are the 4-H Clubs, Red Cross and Girl Scouting programs.