

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The long Labor Day weekend is history and the beaches of North Carolina were missed by Hurricane Ella and now we can all get back to the job. Schools start the hard grind and the kids will be thinking of the next time off which will be Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The weatherman reports that the thermometer will climb back to the 90s by the weekend and there is little chance of rain.

A key to a Ford vehicle has been turned in to the office and the owner may claim the key by coming by. It was picked up on Elwood Avenue last week by James Long and he asked that we try to find the owners.

Juanita Edmund, Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court, was by the office last week and wanted us to thank the people who were so kind to her during her recent illness. She was in the hospital for several weeks and has been away from the courthouse also for several weeks.

Juanita looked real well and said that she was slowly getting her strength back and was going back to the office for a few hours a day this week.

She said that it was impossible to say enough about how kind people had been to her during her sickness but she hoped this would in some small way show people how grateful she was.

We are glad to pass this along. Clerk, and glad to have you back in harness again.

Several months ago we ran in this column that the Raeford Junior Woman's Club was picking up paper at the Edenborough Shopping Center. The paper drive then was very successful, so the club is once again sponsoring a drive.

A truck will be at the shopping center for the next couple of weeks and will take all the old papers and magazines that you will bring there.

Mrs. Joe Stanley, who is in charge of this project, said that some folks were mixed up last time about where the truck was located and which truck it was that was taking the paper. So when you go to the center, look for a van that has "Blow-Rite Insulation" on the side and you will have the right truck and be at the right place.

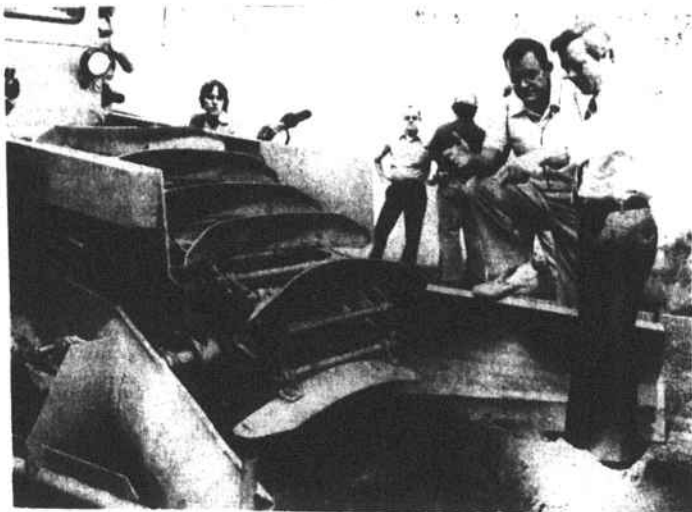
This project accomplishes two things. First it allows all of us to get rid of the old paper that has accumulated around the house and second, it gives much needed money to the Raeford Junior Woman's Club for their projects. So let's all do our share and help these ladies in both ways and this will certainly make for a cleaner and better city and county.

Paul Dickson, publisher, came in the other day and said that I had made a mistake in the item about the price of a round of golf in Canada. He said that the \$2.00 round was for Senior Citizens and that he didn't like to think of himself as a senior citizen. The regular price according to Dickson is \$3.50 per round.

Don't feel bad about being a senior citizen because my uncle, Jack Morris, said when asked about getting older said that he was looking forward to each birthday now and was looking for many

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**Football**  
**Hoke High**  
**VS**  
**Clinton**  
**Friday Night**  
**8:00 o'clock**  
**Hoke High**  
**Stadium**



**FOR CLEAN-UP** - M.C. Adams (left), head of maintenance for the Division of Highways for the state Department of Transportation, describes to Governor James Hunt one of the methods the agency is testing to remove PCB-contaminated soil from North Carolina roadsides. Local school officials said this week there are no known spills along bus routes in the county, contrary to an earlier report that the chemical had been detected here.

## Autry Says Bus Routes Are Safe

Hoke school bus drivers have been notified to keep an eye out for chemical spills along their routes, but as far as is presently known, there are no PCB spills in the county, Superintendent Raz Autry said this week.

Local school officials were warned recently by the state superintendent that caution should be exercised in areas where the spills have occurred. The memorandum listed Hoke as one of the counties involved.

Although early reports indicated that a spill had been detected in Hoke County, the chemical was actually found along a road on the Ft. Bragg Military Reservation, which is federal property, Autry explained.

The superintendent said local school officials attended a meeting in Raleigh not long ago to get

information on the spills.

According to health officials, it is not dangerous to walk through the oily chemical occasionally, but it would be wise to avoid the contaminated areas unless absolutely necessary.

Three New Yorkers were charged last week in connection with the dumping of toxic PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) along 270 miles of roads in North Carolina. A 15-mile spill occurred on the Ft. Bragg reservation.

The men face sentences of up to 40 years each on state felony charges.

State officials have estimated it will cost \$2.5 million or more to clean up the long-lasting, industrial chemicals which have been linked to liver cancer in laboratory animals and numerous chronic ailments in people.

## Local Man Killed In One Car Wreck

A Hoke County man was killed in Southern Pines early Saturday morning when the car he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree.

Richard Ervin Wilkes, Rt. 4 Box 143, Raeford, was traveling east on East Indiana Avenue in Southern Pines at a high rate of speed when he apparently lost control of his car and ran off the right side of the roadway, according to a spokesman for the Southern Pines Police Department. Wilkes was fatally injured when the car struck a tree.

Although no fatal accidents were reported on Hoke County roads over the Labor Day weekend, there were 19 other fatal accidents across the state. Fifteen of them were traffic-related deaths.

Funeral services for Wilkes were held Monday at 3 p.m. in the Second Baptist Church with the Rev. George McKeithan officiating. Burial was in Highland Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Wilkes of Raeford; a sister, Mrs. Debbie Odom of Raeford; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matthews of Raeford.

Pallbearers were Tony Graham, Ralph Stewart, Mike McMinnis, Ricky Farrell, Ricky Collins and Lawrence Conoly. The 401 Hunt Club served as honorary pallbearers.

## Jobless Rate Up

The Hoke County unemployment rate climbed by an estimated 1.3 percent during July, according to figures recently released by the State Employment Security Commission.

The rate was at 11.2 percent in July, compared to 9.9 percent for the month of June.

State wide, unemployment averaged 4.5 percent, with Dare

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## CETA Workers Here May Lose Jobs Soon

### \*\*\*\*\* Escapee Captured After Crime Spree

A hearing was scheduled Tuesday in Cumberland County District Court for Norris Clayton Taylor, who faces a murder charge in the shooting death of a 30-year-old Fayetteville woman last Friday.

Mildred D. Murchison, 1738 Shiloh Drive, Fayetteville, an employee of the Social Security Administration, died in the emergency room of Cape Fear Valley Hospital about 9 a.m. after being shot on Lamon Street. Her husband, William Murchison, is a Raeford native.

The woman's car, taken by her slayer, was found abandoned at the Central Fire station in Fayetteville.

Taylor, 34, is also charged with murder, rape, abduction and armed robbery in North Carolina and Virginia. He was being held in Johnston County on a murder charge when he escaped July 10.

## N.C. Poultry Group Honors Leonard Frahm

Leonard G. Frahm was inducted into the North Carolina Poultry Hall of Fame recently during ceremonies at the N.C. Poultry Federation's 11th Annual Fund Raising Banquet at the Charlotte Civic Center.

Frahm, 55, a native of Iowa, moved to North Carolina in 1958 as manager of the Raeford Turkey Plant. At that time, the North Carolina turkey industry was a fledgling industry, and Frahm is credited with playing a "significant" role in getting the industry "off the ground."

In 1962 he was made vice president and general manager of Raeford Turkey Farms.

"He was instrumental in helping to establish further processing as a standard marketing technique for the industry and for establishing the House of Raeford brand as a symbol of quality throughout the world," said a N.C. Poultry Federation spokesman.

Poultry Hall of Fame members are recognized and honored for their help in pioneering the industry in North Carolina. Today poultry production is the state's largest food industry and the second largest agricultural commodity with regard to farm income. Farm income in 1977 from poultry products in North Carolina was over \$600 million.

Along with Frahm, Burnace M. Hancock of Chatham County was also introduced into the Hall of Fame.

Federal, state and local police searched Pope Park in Fayetteville last Thursday night and again Friday morning for Taylor. Evidence indicated that he spent much of his time since his escape hiding in the park.

A two-state search for him began last Tuesday after a Fayetteville secretary appeared at a Petersburg, Va. hospital and told authorities she had been kidnapped and raped. It ended Friday when Taylor quietly gave up at a roadblock manned by state troopers near Woodland, in northeastern North Carolina.

Funeral services for Mrs. Murchison were conducted at the Rockfish Grove Freewill Baptist Church Tuesday with Bishop Robert Douglas officiating.

Surviving are her husband, William Murchison, formerly of Raeford, and two sons, Aaron Michael and William, Jr., all of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Jones of Virginia Beach, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. Lillian Manley, Mrs. Annie J. Harris, Virginia Beach, Va., Mrs. Amanda Gatlin and Mrs. Patricia Williams of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Mary Hockaday, Baltimore, Md.; six brothers, Leon Jones, Chesapeake, Va., John H. Jones, New York, N.Y., James Jones, Norfolk, Va., Loranzo Jones, Oston Jones and Jerry B. Jones all of Norfolk, Va.; her mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Murchison of Raeford.

## Fund-Raiser Set For Rose

Although supporters of Rep. Charles Rose (D) of Fayetteville say chances of an upset by Republican nominee Raymond Schrupp are slim, they are planning a campaign fund-raiser for Rose.

A fund-raising banquet and salute for Rose is planned for September 14 at the Cumberland County Memorial Arena. Democrats of Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson counties are planning the affair.

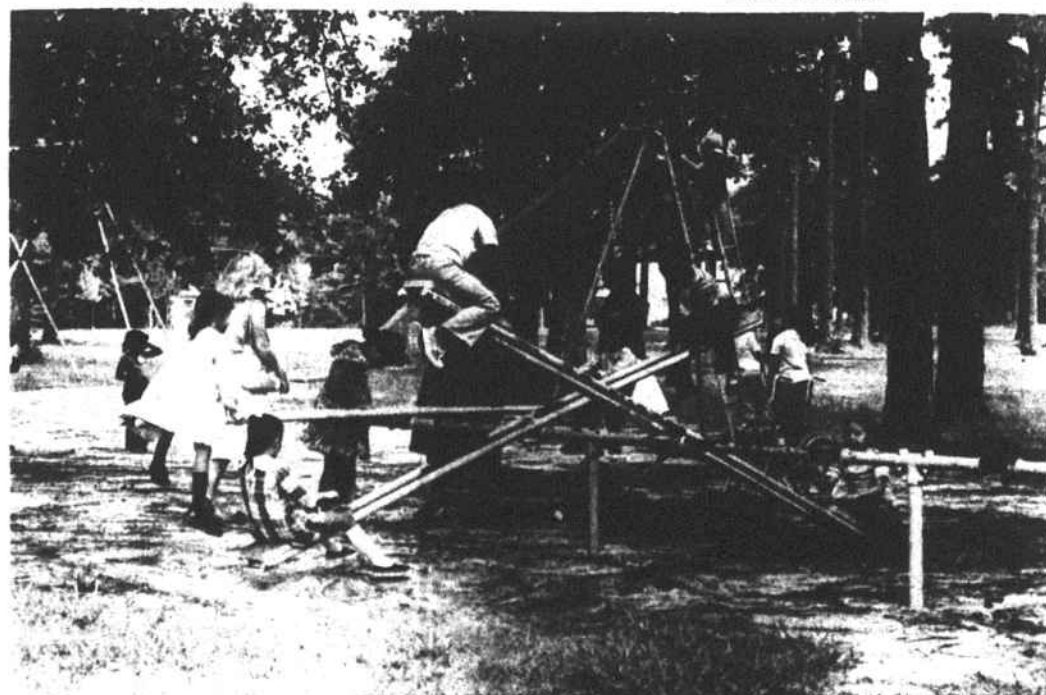
Notables expected to attend include Gov. Jim Hunt and Insurance Commissioner John Ingram, who is also the Democratic U.S. Senate candidate. State house and senate candidates are also expected to be in attendance.

Tickets are being distributed for \$5 each, and will entitle the bearer to a meal and entertainment as well as the political speeches.

Rose, a three-term congressman, had no opposition for the party's nomination to be on the November ballot.



Richard Wilkes



**SCHOOL OPENS** - The first full official day of the 1978-79 school year was Tuesday. Although summer vacation may have seemed all too short, these kids at McLauchlin Elementary School didn't seem to mind the first day of school.

There is a strong possibility that 27 Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) employees here may find themselves without jobs as of October 1, the Hoke County Board of Commissioners was told Monday.

County Manager James Martin said a letter from state officials advised the county to tell the CETA workers to register with the local Employment Security Commission for job placement.

Martin said 19 of the workers are employed in the local school system as teacher aides. It would cost the county \$181,000 to retain all of those affected, he said.

"There may be some CETA money for counties that have had a high unemployment rate for a long time, and we might very well qualify for it," he said. "But we have been told to notify them that the program may be terminated."

The county has about 105 CETA workers in all. The 27 in question come under Title II. Title I of the program ends September 30, which means another two CETA workers here will be without work. The other employees come under Title VI.

"It's easier to start a program like this than it is to break it off," remarked Ralph Barnhart, who chaired the meeting in the absence of John Balfour. Balfour was unable to attend due to illness.

"I'd rather see them working than standing in the unemployment line," said Commissioner Danny DeVane.

"And the cost to the federal government isn't that much more, if any more," Barnhart added.

In other business, Commissioner James Hunt said "a few odds and ends" that the contractor hasn't completed are holding up acceptance of the newly constructed South Hoke Community Center. The \$100,000 project was financed with federal funds. The building is located behind South Hoke School.

A new addition at the county health department should be finished this month, the county manager told the board. He said the general contractor thinks work should be completed there in about two weeks.

On the advice of County Attorney Charles Hostettler, the board voted to spend \$750 to repair the decorative paneling

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## Hoke School Enrollment Drop Foreseen

Young Hoke County scholars attended their first day of class Tuesday as another summer's vacation came to a close.

Public school enrollment is expected to decline this year in Hoke County, according to figures released by the superintendent's office.

Last year, an average of 4809 students attended Hoke County public schools each day. This year, the average daily attendance is expected to be 4597, a decrease in the student population of about 212 students per day.

A total of 297 students graduated from Hoke High School last June. An estimated 258 will graduate in 1979. Last year's Hoke High graduates planning to further their education totaled 146.

The exceptional children's programs served 459 students last year. Personnel in the Hoke school system totaled 473 persons with the pupil-teacher ratio at an average of 19.7 students per teacher in the elementary schools and 18.7 pupils per teacher in secondary schools.