

Around Town

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The weather changes from one day to the next, hot and cold which is made for keeping a person with a cold. Last Sunday the wind was about as strong as it could be without being a tornado. If you have pecan trees in your yard, now is the time to complete the harvest. The wind stripped about every nut off the trees. Not only pecans, but hickory nuts as well.

The forecast is for colder weather this weekend. It looks as if the golf course won't be used for awhile if this kind of weather continues.

In the next week or so we hope to have an article on the new weatherman for Hoke County. It seems that someone in Washington takes the local paper and likes the work of our weatherman. The government also likes the pay scale for this person also.

Watch for it!

A call the other night at home stated that when this column announced about new businesses in Raeford, the new flower shop on Main Street called Calico Corner was omitted. We were not listing all the new businesses in Raeford, but calling attention to things that would boost the economy for the city and county for 1979.

Anyway, we call your attention to the new concern and hope them much success in the coming year.

Another call to the house last week was about the firing of the guns at Fort Bragg. The caller told my wife that the dishes on her table were shaking every time the guns fired. The next morning someone in the office stated that they thought their window panes were going to fall out due to the firing.

It was not as bad down on North Jackson street, but the guns could be heard. I will say that a couple of rooms in my house have the plaster cracked, and it came years ago from the firing at Bragg.

Of course we don't want the planes flying low over the city and we certainly don't want the Army wanting our land, so maybe we will have to be inconvenienced by the rattling of windows and dishes on the table.

While on this subject, a call last week said that it was going around that the Army was once again going about the county and the tax office getting ready to take the land between Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall. Twenty five years ago this was stopped by the county citizens.

In checking around this week, it seems that a remark was misunderstood and that from that, a rumor was born. As was stated many times at the MOA hearings, the people of Hoke County are suspicious any time the Army and land are mentioned.

So if you are not certain about something or just making a joke, this is no joking matter to the citizens of Hoke County.

Congressman Charlie Rose and his staff should be ever watchful for money being appropriated to purchase land around Fort Bragg. So Congressman, be on the lookout!

And please, think before you speak here in the county, the walls have ears.

An old picture that was brought into the office this week by Mrs. Chalmers Davis and her sister, Mrs. Warren Phillips, is being published in hopes someone can identify the class members. It was a first grade class and must have been about 1930. Mrs. Phillips, now Ruth Lytle, is in the picture, but she cannot name all the class. So if you can be of help to them, please do so.

I concur with Coach Chuck Noll of the Pittsburgh Steelers that the Super Bowl should be a football game and not a TV spectacular. The fans want to see football and it hurts the game to take over 30 minutes for a halftime show. The money derived from TV is helpful.

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Southeastern Economic Group

Regional Board Views Hoke Medical Site

Deadline For Listing Property Near

The deadline for listing personal and business property in Hoke County is only six days away.

County Tax Supervisor Les Simpson reminded military people and civilians this week that the deadline is January 31. He said the office for listing will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon as well as on weekdays.

People in military service must list personal and business property they have in the county even though they are exempt from paying the taxes, Simpson pointed out.

A penalty is charged for failing to list property before the deadline passes.



INSPECTING SITE - Members of the board and the director of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission, accompanied by Hoke County officials, inspected the site of the Hoke County Medical Complex Thursday afternoon in connection with the commission board's monthly meeting in Raeford. L-R, Hoke Assistant County Manager Les Simpson, commission director Clenton Smith, board members Cecil Eakins and Robert Hester, Hoke County Manager James Martin, board member and Hoke County Commissioner James A. Hunt, Hoke Commissioner Danny DeVane, board members James Wood and Ivery McNair of Hoke and Hoke County Commissioner Mabel Riley.

Literary Education Trip In March

32 Hoke Students To Tour England

Thirty-two Hoke County High School juniors and seniors and two faculty chaperones will spend eight days in England in March on a literary education tour.

One of the days, however, they'll spend either in Edinburgh, Scotland, or in Paris.

The students and teachers will

leave March 14 for England and start their return trip March 22, traveling from Washington to England and back by plane.

Mrs. Harriett McDonald, teacher of English for juniors, and Mrs. Susan Houston, a mathematics teacher, will accompany the students.

Mrs. McDonald last March went to England as a chaperone for 34 seniors of Watuga High School at Boone on a similar tour, and last summer returned to England on her own.

She said last week the trip will be an experience in several ways for the students. Most, she said, have never been outside the United States, and the students will be seeing places personally connected with the writers whose works they are or will be studying.

She said the tour is being made at the participant's personal expense.

Mrs. McDonald said all the students study English literature in their senior year.

She said that on each day of the

tour they will visit a place of historic significance different from the place they will visit on any other day.

Mrs. McDonald said the following places are among those the group will visit, traveling in a private bus: Stratford-on-Avon; playwright William Shakespeare's home, and the Royal Shakespearean Theater; Windsor Castle; Oxford and Cambridge universities; Runnymede; Stone Henge; Winchester; Salisbury; Hampton Court; Stokes Poles, where Thomas Gray wrote "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"; and, in London, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Westminster

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Helt Indicted

Son To Stand Trial For Father's Slaying

Samuel Lewis Helt, 18, was indicted Monday by the Hoke County Grand Jury on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of his father last November.

James Lewis Helt died November 26 at his Rt. 1, Raeford home, from a rifle blast to the chest.

A preliminary hearing held last

Friday found probable cause to bind Helt over for action by the grand jury but the charge was reduced from first degree murder to manslaughter.

Although a trial date has not been set, Helt is expected to stand trial in the next session of Superior Court.

Dr. J. F. Jordan, 59, Civic Leader, Dies

Dr. Julius Franklin Jordan, a Raeford dentist, Hoke County civic leader and former county official, died Monday morning in Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst.

He served as a member of the Board of Hoke County Commissioners from 1956 through 1962, part of the time as chairman.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the Board of Deacons of First Baptist Church and was a former president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club. Dr. Jordan also was a Sunday school teacher and superintendent of the Adult Department of the church. He was active in the Kiwanis Club till his illness forced him to stop.

At the time of his death he was vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the Raeford Savings and Loan Association.

Dr. Jordan also had played in community athletics till his illness occurred.

He was born in Hoke County to Jephtha Franklin Jordan and Sally Kelly Jordan October 11, 1919.

He received his early education in Hoke County schools, then attended what was then Mars Hill Junior College and later Wake Forest College, which was at Wake Forest at the time.

After completing his undergraduate work, he received his professional education at Atlanta, Ga., Southern Dental College. Dr. Jordan had been practicing in Raeford since 1947.

He was married to the former Jeanette Hughes. They met after she came to Raeford to serve as education and music director of First Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are, a son, Julius Franklin Jordan Jr. of Pembroke; two daughters, Miss Anna Hughes Jordan of Raeford and Miss Jeanette Kelly



Dr. Julius F. Jordan

Jordan of Deland, Fla.; his mother, of Raeford; two brothers, Dr. Milton T. Jordan of Fairmont, a veterinarian, and Dr. Riley M. Jordan, a Raeford physician and chairman of the Hoke County Board of Education; and two sisters, Mrs. Irma Jordan Randall of Kinston and Mrs. Hilda Jordan Williams of Harriman, Tenn.

The funeral service was to have been conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Raeford by the Rev. Billy Beaver, the pastor; Dr. John Ropp, pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Kelly Wilson, pastor of Raeford United Methodist Church; with burial in Raeford Cemetery.

Nephews were named pallbearers.

The family has suggested that memorials planned be made to the Harriett and Judson Lennon Pipe Organ Fund.

Judge Finds Woman Innocent Of Stealing Cat

Mrs. Rose Scarboro was found innocent Friday morning in Hoke County District Court of a charge of stealing a cat.

Judge Sol Cherry of Fayetteville issued a verdict of not guilty after hearing witnesses testify for the state and defense in a nonjury trial. Mrs. Scarboro had pleaded innocent and served as her own attorney.

Mrs. Willaree McDuffie, a deputy clerk of court, commented to a reporter after the trial ended that it was probably the first case of its kind heard in the District Court. The court was established in 1966.

Mrs. Scarboro's daughter, Mrs. Brenda Cole of 405 N. Dickson St., Raeford, testified that the cat, a 7-months-old yellow Persian, was hers and it was named Mittens. She said he was one of three male cats of the same age she had.

She told the court she was informed December 23 that Mittens, who had disappeared in November, was at Watson's mobile home.

Her testimony indicated that the cat had disappeared while she was in Florida and her mother was taking care of her cats at the Scarboro home. The Scarboros live near Watson in the Hillcrest Fire Department area.

After being told Mittens had been seen at Watson's, Mrs. Cole said, she went to the mobile home, and the cat came to her when she called him.

Mrs. Velma Gordon, a state's witness, testified she saw Mrs. Scarboro and three children come to Watson's residence and saw a "little girl" reach under the trailer and get the cat. She said she was taking care of the cat for Watson while Watson was away.

She said she told Mrs. Scarboro the cat was Watson's, and that Mrs. Scarboro replied, "No," that the cat was her daughter's.

Mrs. Cole in referring to Mrs. Gordon's description of her as "a little girl" said Mrs. Gordon mistook her for a young child because

of the way she was dressed. She was wearing jeans at the time. She said the two younger children are her parents' grandchildren.

Mrs. Scarboro's husband, Russell, testified he didn't see his wife touch the cat any time. He said he was about 50 feet from his wife and the children at Watson's trailer.

Watson testified the cat had been given to him. He said he was out of town, he left town December 22 and 23 and when he returned home December 26 he was told Mrs. Scarboro had gotten the cat.

He said he asked Mrs. Scarboro to return the cat but she told him the cat was her daughter's. He said he tried again later to get Mrs. Scarboro to return the cat.

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Hearing Called

Principal's Decision Upheld By Board

The Hoke County Board of Education voted Thursday night to back a decision made by Scurlock School Principal Floyd Caldwell to bar a third-grade student from riding the bus for 23 days.

The student had been suspended from riding the bus for a week earlier this year because of fighting on the bus. Raz Autry, superintendent of schools, said. The child's mother appealed the principal's decision and called for a hearing before the board. She told board members that because of her working schedule, driving the boy to and from school was impossible.

Both Autry and Mina Townsend, board member, said the boy had a history of fighting on the bus.

"Everything was well - documented," Mrs. Townsend said. She explained that letters announcing the school bus rules were sent home with the students the

Members of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission Thursday afternoon, inspected the rising Hoke County Medical Complex, then went into their monthly meeting.

The complex, under construction on N.C. 211 south of Raeford near the city limits, is being financed by a federal Economic Development Administration grant, which is paying most of the nearly \$400,000 cost, and a U.S. Farmers Home Administration loan.

The Southeastern commission, composed of nine counties including Hoke, is a regional agency controlled by the member local units of government. It obtains funds from the federal EDA matched by the counties for projects directly connected with jobs, such as construction of water and sewer lines, industrial parks and public centers such as the Hoke County Medical Complex.

The Hoke County members of the commission's board are County Commissioner James Allen Hunt, Ivery Riley and James Wood.

Other members of the board who attended the meeting were Chairman Orie Gore of Southport, Brunswick County; Jim Milligan of Laurinburg, Scotland County; Robert Hester, chairman of the Board of Bladen County Commissioners; and Pender County Commissioner Cecil Eakins of Burgaw. Clenton Smith of Elizabethtown, the fulltime director of the commission, participated in the tour of the construction site and in the meeting that followed in the Hoke commissioners' conference room in the county office annex.

Other Hoke officials who participated in the tour with the commission board members and Smith were County Commissioners Mabel Riley and Danny DeVane, County Manager James Martin, and Assistant County Manager Less Simpson.

Mrs. Riley attended the monthly meeting as an observer.

The meeting opened with an executive session for the members of the board's executive group and Smith.

In business during the open session that followed, the board adopted a motion amending the planning budget to add \$6,300, increasing the budget to about \$69,000. The action was recommended by the federal EDA.

The directors also were told by Smith that a workshop to provide information about EDA and Farmers Home Administration programs is planned for the 40 - odd members of the commission.

Smith also reported that of 289 industrial parks established in the U.S. by EDA financing, 232 have been successful.

The commission's office is in Elizabethtown, the center of the region the commission serves.

The other counties served by the commission are Robeson, Sampson, New Hanover and Columbus.

The board holds one of its monthly meetings in a member county outside the headquarters county, Bladen, each three months, and the two others in the three - month period in Elizabethtown.

first of the year. The boy's mother had also been notified of her child's misbehavior once in October and twice each month in November, December and January. She had visited the school on one occasion to discuss the problem.

"There have been nine children killed in the state this year in school bus accidents," Autry said. "Seven of those deaths were directly related to the driver being distracted while he drove," he continued.

He explained that the suspension was not only a disciplinary action for the child, but also a protective measure for the other children who ride the bus.

Mrs. Townsend said that an effort would be made to find transportation for the boy.

Two other children also lost bus privileges for being involved in scuffles on the bus but their parents did not appeal the principal's decision.