

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Last week it was announced in an article in this paper that the World Day of Prayer will be held March 2 at the Raeford United Methodist Church. There will be two services one at 12:30 p.m. and the other at 5:30 p.m. The day is sponsored by the Church Women United in Raeford.

This does not mean that only women can attend. The World Day of Prayer is for everyone and with two services most of us can't find an excuse to miss the service.

"Spiritual Growth" is the theme for the World Day of Prayer this year and this should make it all the more reason why we should be present. We all need to grow spiritually.

The event dates back to 1887 when the first World Day of Prayer was held.

The Mayor of Raeford, John K. McNeill, Jr., wrote me the following letter when asked by the women of Raeford to proclaim Friday, March 2, 1979 as World Day of Prayer in Raeford.

Dear Sam:

The mayor has been asked by the local committee to get something in the paper this week concerning the "World Day of Prayer." Without the usual where as's and now therefore's the mayor would simply say -- that global events, along with key happenings on the local, state and Federal scene are strong indications that we need our God - Person relationship strengthened. The world leaders need our prayers to make decisions that are laced with wisdom, with patience, and with charity. Surely the judgment of history's verdict will be influenced by the thoughts in our hearts on the "World Day of Prayer" -- Friday, March 2, 1979.

Fine words, mayor and we should all say Amen.

Another column could be written about the weather, but maybe if I would stop writing about it, it would change. It is WET.

A caller last week asked me about the fog that came in following the snow. According to a weather announcer on a TV station, the reason for the heavy fog was that warm air came in from the south and that the cold air from the snow on the ground caused the fog.

The reason that the fog would lift and fall must have been caused by the flow of air from the south. I hope this is clear to the caller who wouldn't give their name.

Maybe the weatherman for Hoke could give a better explanation.

It is always heartwarming to receive a letter like the one that is printed below. Most times when the city receives letters they are in a different tone and from an irate citizen. This letter was received February 23 at city hall. It follows:

Raeford City Council
Raeford, N.C.

Gentlemen:

I would like to express my appreciation to one of your businessmen in Raeford for the selfish way he was helping motorists on Sunday afternoon, February 18, during the snow and ice storm. Not only was he helpful to my family and me (without charge), but while we were in his business establishment, I saw him being helpful to others as well. I believe that anyone who was passing through your town during that storm and who was helped by this gentleman will have a very good feeling about Raeford for the rest of their lives.

The business to which I refer is the Graham Service Station.

It is my hope that you will share this information with your local newspaper in order to encourage this type of service by all businessmen everywhere.

Sincerely,
W. Ronald McCarter
President

Mr. McCarter is president of Southeastern Community College in Whiteville. The owner of Graham's Service Station is Douglas Nixon.

Now wasn't this a nice letter? Let's try to get more like the above for our city.

First Time For Hoke County

1978 Farm Income Topped \$20 Million

On Proposed MOA Chart

FAA Recommends 3,000-foot City Floor

A recommended Military Operations Area chart would prevent military aircraft from flying less than 3,000 feet above Raeford and the Raeford Airport.

"We have recommended that the proposed MOAs be charted as outlined on the enclosed chart," a Federal Aviation Agency announcement received here Friday says. The announcement was signed by Richard M. Robinson, chief, Airspace and Procedures Branch, Air Traffic Division.

The announcement referred to the charting of the Ft. Bragg MOAs.

"Charting the MOAs will not increase the number of military operations in the area," Robinson said, "but should decrease noise level because the floor altitude over the City of Raeford and Raeford Airport will be 3,000 feet above the ground level."

"Today, there are no altitude restrictions with which the military must comply in this area except for those of Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 91."

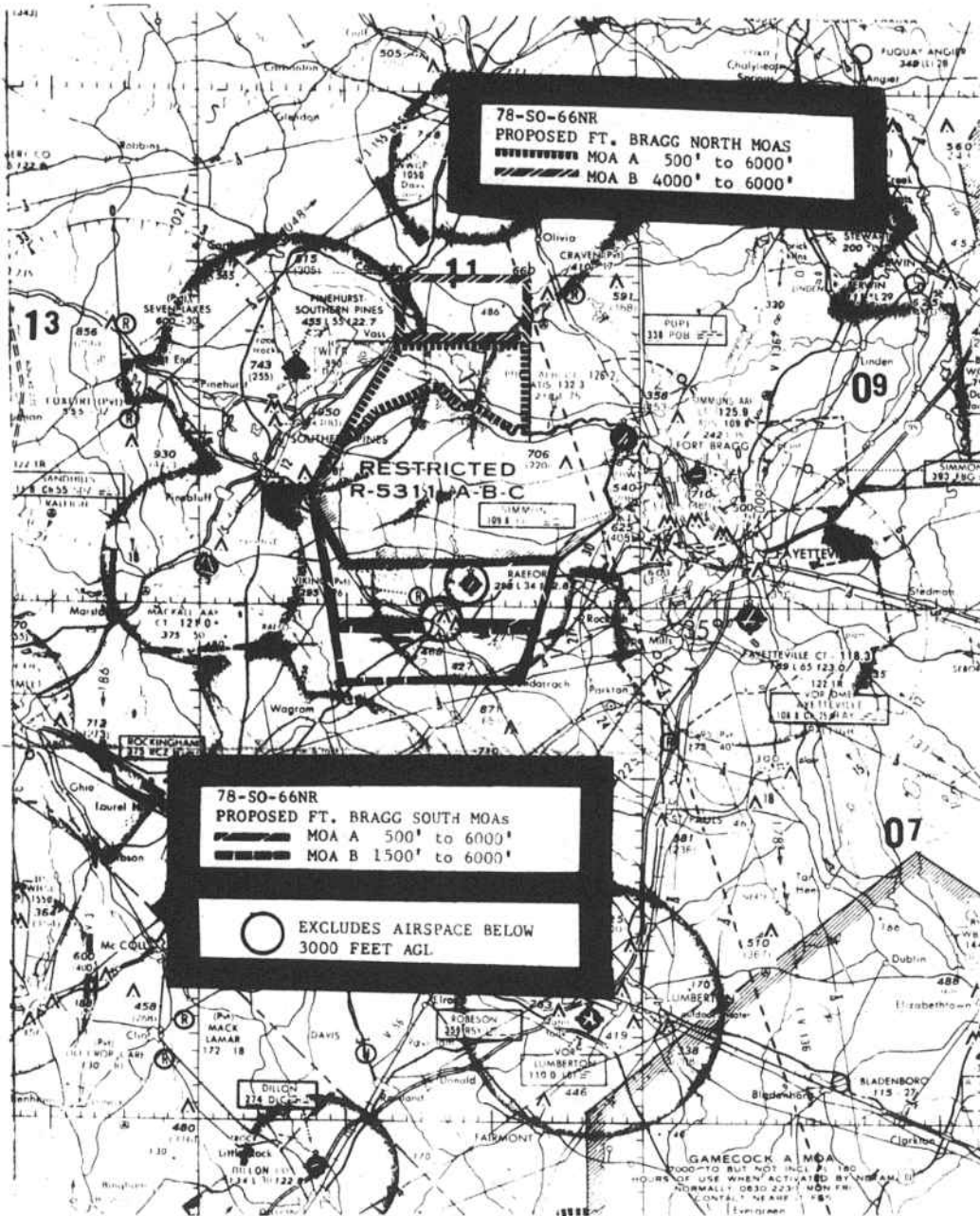
In a talk in Raeford last November, Lt. Gen. Volney Warner, Ft. Bragg commander, said he believed a compromise on the lowest altitudes permissible would be approved: 3,000 feet minimum over Raeford, and 1,500 feet elsewhere. The Atlantic Command, which requested temporary MOAs, first sought a 500-foot minimum outside Raeford but later changed the request to 1,000 feet.

Symbols on the proposed chart received last week show altitudes of flight over some areas would range from a minimum 500 to a maximum 6,000 feet, and over others, 4,000 to 6,000 feet.

The proposed Ft. Bragg North MOAs, in which Hoke County is located, are depicted on charts effective February 22, Robinson's notice says.

The Ft. Bragg South MOAs will be depicted on charts effective April 19. Charting of the South MOAs is dependent upon the completion and approval of the environment statement by the Army.

The announcement says "The charting of the amended Fort Bragg MOAs will not impose flight (See MOA, page 9)



Proposed MOA chart provided by FAA, with Raeford area within rectangular figure in center.

Fayetteville Man Named To Health Post

Lloyd P. Horne will start work Thursday as the new administrator of the Hoke County Health Department.

Horne served as associate director for administration for the Fayetteville Area Health Education Foundation Center at Fayetteville the past four years.

He was appointed to the Hoke County position by the county board of health at a board meeting February 19.

The board of county commissioners at a meeting Monday set his salary at \$17,447 per year.

Truck Driver Accused

Charges Filed In Deaths Of People

The deaths of three Hoke County people in a traffic accident February 21 has brought manslaughter and reckless-driving charges against the driver of the truck involved, the State Highway Patrol has reported.

The investigating officer, Trooper C.A. Todd, reported William Minor Pegram, 34, of Creedmoor, was charged in the collision that killed Bertha M. Johnson, 39, Willie Wilson McMillan, 54, and Katie B. McMillan, 52, all of Rt. 3, Raeford.

The car in which the victims were riding was struck headon by Pegram's tractor-trailer about 4:30

p.m. on U.S. 15-501 in fog a mile south of Aberdeen, the officer reported.

Todd said his investigation showed the truck apparently was attempting to pass another vehicle when the collision occurred with the car which was traveling in the opposite direction.

The three women were reported coming home from work at Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst when the accident happened.

The truck driver was released from custody after posting bond later February 21 for appearance at a preliminary hearing in Moore County District Court.

analyst for the State Department of Transportation, and from June 1971 to November 1972 was a personnel technician for the State Highway Commission.

Horne holds the degree of Master of Business Administration from East Carolina University.

He was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Susan McKenzie. She will work with Horne his first two days in the office before she leaves. Mrs. McKenzie served in the position slightly over seven years, with the title of administrative assistant.

From November 1972 till September 1973, he was personnel

A 19-year-old Ft. Bragg soldier was killed and a Hoke County woman and the driver were injured when the pickup truck in which they were riding turned over about 11 p.m. Sunday 11.1 miles north-east of Raeford, the State Highway Patrol reported.

Trooper R.V. Lee, said the soldier killed was E-4 Donald Edward Marshall of Company "A," 27th Engineers.

The officer said the injured woman was Barbara Sue Anderson, 18, of Rt. 2, Box 392-D, Raeford. He said she was in satisfactory condition Tuesday in Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

He said the driver was E-4 Alonzo Willia Bidwell, Jr., 21, of Marshall's unit. Bidwell was released from Cape Fear Valley Hospital Monday afternoon after being treated.

The officer said Bidwell was

charged with death by motor vehicle and with driving under the influence, and his trial was set for April 12 in Hoke County District Court in Raeford. He said Bidwell was placed under \$500 bond for his appearance in court on the trial date.

Lee reported Marshall was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Robert G. Townsend Jr. of Raeford, a Hoke County medical examiner. Marshall suffered neck and massive head injuries in the accident, the examination showed.

The officer said the truck, a 1977 Ford, traveling south on SR 1415, ran off the road on the right, then crossed to the left, turned over about three times, and came to rest on its left side, in the roadway.

Lee said the truck was left a total loss by the accident.

Marshall's death was the second in Hoke County traffic this year.

Soldier, 19, Killed In Hoke Truck Crash

Hoke County's gross farm income topped \$20 million in 1978, the first year that mark was passed, County Agricultural Extension Service Chairman Wendell Young reported last Thursday.

He said the figures for the income last year from agricultural products were based on estimates received from producers, feed and seed dealers, and others associated with agriculture.

Last year's income from all sources was estimated at \$20,498,268, compared to \$16,281,990 in 1977.

Young attributed the increase over 1977's figure to better yields and better prices, particularly livestock prices and tobacco and soybean yields and prices.

Increases in 1978 production were attributed to good farming weather, principally, and to use of better production practices.

The improvement of weed control helped soybean production particularly, Young said.

The previous year, crops were struck by drought, which was also blamed for the appearance of aflatoxin which contributed to creating a near-failure of the corn crop.

The estimated income for the past year includes federal government payments totaling \$252,919, compared to \$270,849 in 1977.

The 1978 payments were made through the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for conservation programs, feed-grain disaster, feed grain deficiency, wheat deficiency, cotton disaster and voluntary cotton diversion.

The amount of estimated income derived in 1978 from classes of farm commodities are, with the estimated income of 1977 from these sources listed next:

- Field crops, \$12,031,549 and \$9,088,415.
- Vegetable crops, \$554,079 and \$444,410.
- Fruits, \$44,060 and \$34,190.
- Greenhouse products, \$160,000 and \$160,000.
- Forestry products, \$1,558,400 and \$1,066,000.
- Livestock, \$4,384,061 and \$2,996,135.
- Poultry, \$1,513,200 and \$2,100,000.

Tobacco
The county's flue-cured tobacco crop brought its producers \$5,792,670 last year, compared with \$4,065,914 in 1977, Young reported.

He said last year's production was higher, though acreage harvested was smaller than 1977's, and this increase was produced by an increase in per-acre yields. The increase in income was a product of this and an increase in the average prices the producers received on the market.

Young said Hoke producers obtained an average of 2,053 pounds per acre from 2,121 acres, while in 1977 they got 1,793 pounds per acre from 2,268 acres.

He said the average 1978 market price was \$1.33 per pound, which was 16 cents above the 1977 average.

Higher production and higher market prices also accounted for higher income from soy beans, Young said.

In 1978, producers boosted the average yield of 26 bushels per acre from 20 the previous year, harvesting 24,147 acres, compared to 22,173 acres in 1977.

They received an average \$6.45 per bushel last year, and \$5.80 the year before.

The harvest in 1978 totaled an estimated 627,822 bushels, while in 1977 it was 443,460.

The gross income received from the crop last year was \$4,049,452, compared to \$2,572,068 the year before.

Cotton
Cotton lost ground last year from its 1977 production but the loss would have been greater if the 1978 prices and yields hadn't been greater than the previous year's.

Young reported bad weather in the spring resulted in 3,395 fewer acres than 1977's 4,743 being planted. The 1978 average yield, however, was 658 pounds per acre, compared to 397 the year before.

The price average last year was 66 cents per pound, 20 cents higher than 1977's.

The 1978 income for lint and cotton seed totaled \$664,892, and production totaled 886,641 (See INCOME, page 9)