

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather Tuesday morning (early) felt like Spring rather than summer. The temperature was in the 50s and short sleeves didn't feel too good. The weekend was hot and most folks were able to get out and enjoy themselves. There is always something to mar a weekend and the reported drownings in the state should give cause for everyone to think of safety when swimming and boating.

The forecast is for fine weather to continue with a chance of rain maybe Thursday or Friday.

From all reports the graduation exercises at Hoke High School went off in fine style. A senior breakfast Sunday morning started the activities and this was followed by recognition for seniors at their local churches.

The big moment for the seniors came at four o'clock Sunday afternoon when graduation exercises were held in the stadium at the high school.

Congratulations to these young people and may they have success in the years ahead.

All schools in the county will close this week and this means for the next couple of months most of us should beware of children in the streets and on the highways.

We became accustomed to them being in school during certain hours and forget to observe as much as we should.

So as you drive around for the next few months, please drive carefully. You should at all times, but we all become careless at times. The life that is saved could be your child — Remember.

The Rev. R.E.L. Moser of Burlington was by the office last week and we had a nice chat for a few minutes. He had been attending the Methodist College in Fayetteville and stopped in Raeford while going through town to see old friends. The Rev. Mr. Moser was pastor of the Raeford United Methodist Church here for a number of years.

He and I had something in common, so to say, as our daughters finished Hoke High together in 1967 and then went to Greensboro to college. Sarah, my daughter, to UNC-G and Phyllis, his daughter, to Greensboro College.

Lee, as he was called, was also president of the Raeford Kiwanis club and was a vivacious softball player and fan.

You don't realize that people who have lived here for many years and made numerous friends don't have any way of knowing what has taken place in a span of ten years. (maybe they should take *The News-Journal*) Lee didn't know that Jessie Bright Ferguson or Dr. Julius Jordan had passed away. These were just two instances that he mentioned.

It was nice to see the preacher and hope that he will come by the next time he is in town.

Mayor John K. McNeill, who is also an elder in the Raeford Presbyterian Church, represented the church at the Synod of North Carolina last week in Raleigh. Now McNeill is a man of few words and when asked how the crowd was at the meeting by Dr. John Ropp last Sunday night, he had just a few words to say. The answer was "Sober".

The publisher asked me last week if I had seen a write-up of a couple of deaths in the daily papers and if they were people who used to live in Raeford and Hoke County. The two people were Willard A. Huggins and Mildred Peele Cameron.

He called me later in the week and said that the Willard Huggins that used to live here had the middle initial of "G" rather than "A" so he was certain that this was a different Willard Huggins.

Now the other, Mildred Peele Cameron, could be the person that lived here for many years and finished high school here. The family lived at the corner of W. (See AROUND TOWN, page 15)



SIGN -- This phrase in red paint was found on the Raeford Post Office lobby's floor at 5:30 a.m. Friday by the first employee reporting for work for the day. Acting Postmaster Billy Monroe reported the painting to Hoke County Schools Supt. Raz Autry. About 10 a.m. Friday, maintenance men from the Hoke County school system cleaned the floor, and Autry and Hoke County High School Principal Earl Oxendine, checked the results of the cleaning. The painting apparently constitutes defacing federal government property, and conviction carries a penalty of a fine or a jail term or both, Monroe said.

Father Imports Local Turkey Products

Thomas Kohnke of Hamburg, Germany, is in Raeford studying the House of Raeford operations, especially sales, to learn the ways Americans conduct the poultry business.

He is the son of John Kohnke, Germany's foremost importer of poultry and wild game. Thomas Kohnke, who will be 23 on Thursday, will become head of his father's business, Ferdinand L. Friedrich of Hamburg, when his father retires.

Kohnke's hostess, Mrs. Evelyn Manning, also will celebrate her birthday Thursday. (She doesn't mind revealing she was born in 1932).

Kohnke is a guest in the Mannings' home, 804 E. Donaldson Ave., Raeford, during his stay in Raeford. He arrived in town June 5

for six weeks of study. Mrs. Manning's husband, Ed, is House of Raeford's director of Marketing. House of Raeford ships the Kohnke company about 100,000 pounds of turkey parts per week.

While he is studying the poultry operations Thomas Kohnke also will be learning the English language of the poultry business. He learned to speak English in seven years of study of the language in high school, but the poultry busi-

Sam, Raeford Bulldog, Has 14 Pups

Sam, a Raeford bulldog, gave birth to 14 puppies between noon and midnight Monday or early Tuesday morning.

ness, like the sciences and medicine, has its own vocabulary which is different from regular conversational English.

Thomas Kohnke is on his second visit to the United States. He was here last year attending the House of Raeford's annual conference for its buyers and attended the 1979 conference held at Fox Fire Country Club east of Pinehurst the weekend before last.

Kohnke arrived in the United

States from Germany May 27 with his parents. They visited Disney Land and Sea World in Florida, among other places, before the younger Kohnke left for Raeford. His parents returned home June 3.

Kohnke attended school in Germany 13 years, the equivalent of full high school and two years of college in the United States. Then he worked three years in a bank, and has been in business with his father a year and a half.

She's owned by Kemp Crumpler of Harris Avenue.

The pups' father is a Red Springs bulldog named Ring, owned by Bobby Hedgpeh, a brother of Steve and Raeford City Councilman Vardell Hedgpeh Jr.

Sam is about 2½ years old, and this is her first litter.

The first two pups arrived pretty quickly.

When Sam had produced six by 3 p.m., the Crumplers thought she was through.

Kemp Crumpler, meanwhile, had gone to his mortuary class at Fayetteville Technical Institute.

But shortly after he was notified that two more arrived.

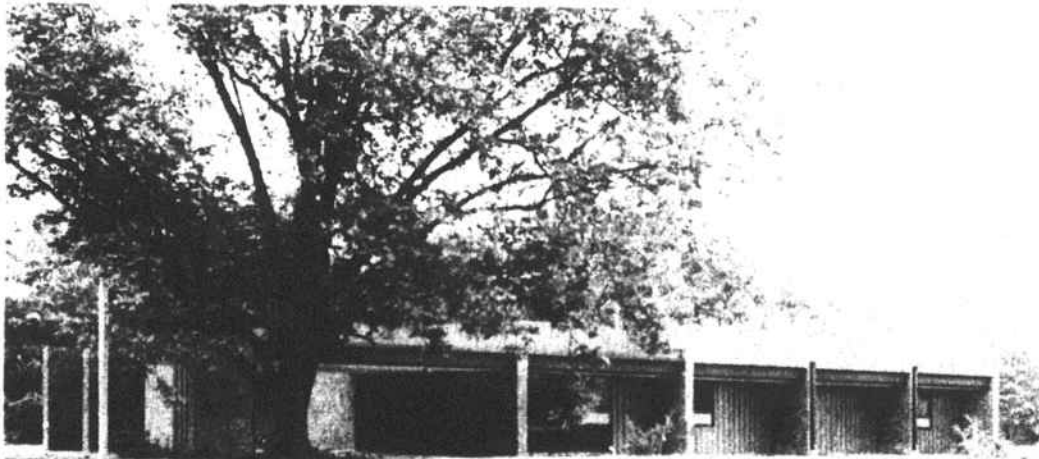
By about 10 p.m. Monday, Sam had given birth to 10. The Crumplers again thought she was finished.

Tuesday morning, she was showing lively evidence to show she hadn't been.

A bulldog's litter averages four to six pups.



The Mannings and guest Thomas Kohnke (center) at *The News-Journal* Thursday morning



IT'S OPEN -- The Hoke Medical Complex on N.C. 211 at the southern edge of Raeford is open. Dr. Robert G. Townsend, Jr. physician, and Dr. Robert McCloud, optometrist, have their offices there now. The new building also has space for two more physicians. Dr. Townsend moved from 124 E. Central Ave., and Dr. McCloud, from 513 Harris Ave.

Missing Magistrate Sought By SBI

A local magistrate is being sought by the State Bureau of Investigation on charges of embezzlement after \$900 in court funds was discovered missing

Friday.

Melvin Mayer, 44, former city police officer, is believed to have boarded a military plane from Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station enroute to California after taking a bus from Fayetteville to Cherry Point.

Mayer's automobile was found near a Fayetteville bus station Saturday afternoon, and State Bureau of Investigation agents confiscated a briefcase containing records of the magistrate's transactions from the deserted car.

The search for Mayer began Saturday after Judge Joseph E. Dupree of Raeford obtained a warrant charging Mayer with taking \$900 received by the magistrate May 22 as a cash bond for a defendant identified as Kevin I. Jones.

The discrepancy was discovered Friday when Dupree checked the files for a record of the defendant's bond and could find none, although the man's wife had posted a \$900 bond some two weeks earlier.

Mayer left his wife and children behind when he left Raeford. He was suspended from all duties Saturday night by Chief District Court Judge Derb Carter until investigators can conduct an audit of fund handled by the magistrate.

Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said that Mayer telephoned Police Sgt. J.J. McNeill, a friend, Saturday afternoon, telling McNeill he was in San Diego, Cal., and planning to fly to the Orient.

Mayer was appointed to the position as magistrate eight months ago by Resident Superior Court Judge Maurice Braswell. He had retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service before joining the police department in 1976.



Melvin Mayer shown during police service.

Hoke People Victims

Truck Driver Bound Over In 3 Deaths

William Minor Pegram, 34, of Creedmore, N.C., has been bound over for Moore County Grand Jury action on three charges of involuntary manslaughter in the traffic deaths February 21 of three Hoke County people.

He also has been given a six months sentence suspended for 12 months on payment of a fine of \$100 and court costs on a finding of guilty of careless and reckless driving. The charge was filed in connection with the fatal accident. Pegram has appealed to Moore County Superior Court from the Moore District Court judgment on the driving charge.

Probable cause for the manslaughter charges was found by District Court Judge Walter Lampley of Rockingham, who also imposed the terms on the other charge, after a preliminary hearing

in the court at Carthage. The trial of Pegram on the careless-and-reckless driving charge, and the hearing on the manslaughter charges were held the week of May 27.

Bertha M. Johnson, 39, Willie Wilson McMillan, 54, and Katie B. McMillan, 52, all of Rt. 3, Raeford, were killed when the car in which they were riding was struck headon by a tractor-trailer Pegram was driving. The accident happened about 4:30 p.m. in fog on U.S. 15-501 about a mile south of Aberdeen, the investigating officer, State Trooper C.A. Todd has reported.

Todd said his investigation showed the truck apparently was attempting to pass another vehicle as the Hoke County people's auto was approaching from the opposite direction.

McBryde Injured When Hit By Car

Calvin Foster McBryde, 48, was injured critically about 12:40 a.m. Sunday when he was struck by a car on U.S. 401 about three miles north of Raeford, State Trooper Louis Rector reported.

He quoted witnesses as saying McBryde darted into the path of the auto.

Rector said one of the witnesses, Kenneth Frederick of 314 Crawford St., Raeford, told him the accident happened while he and McBryde were rounding up some hogs which had left McBryde's land nearby.

The officer said the other witness was Herman McGill of 818 Carolina Dr., Raeford, Rector said McGill reported he was driving behind the other car when McBryde ran into the path of the latter.

Rector said the car which struck

McBryde was being driven north by PFC Paul Carter Battle, 28, of Pope Air Force Base. The officer said McBryde suffered shock after the accident happened. Battle was treated at Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg and released later, Rector said.

He reported McBryde's head struck the car's windshield and one of McBryde's legs was broken by the collision.

The officer said McBryde was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Rector said no charge was filed in the accident.

He said he found skid marks of Battle's tires ran 64 feet back from the point where Battle's car was stopped, showing Battle had tried to avoid hitting McBryde.