

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather last week was hot in Hoke County. The temperature reached 102 degrees last Thursday after reaching 101 degrees on Wednesday. Then it turned around and Monday morning the thermometer registered about 56 degrees.

We still haven't had enough rain and from reports by folks who have the measuring devices we received only two tenths of an inch last Saturday night. Anyway if we can't do anything about the weather, we can write and talk about it these days.

The Hoke County Music Booster Club is selling tickets for a raffle to be held Friday, August 31 at four p.m. in front of the new bank building on South Main Street. There are many prizes and they all consist of high price gasoline. So see a booster member and maybe you can spend the Labor Day weekend out of town and ride for free!

Mrs. Charles Stone, who lives on Magnolia Street, called last week and was telling me of an unusual thing that happened at their home. They were on vacation for a week recently and when they returned home they found a bicycle in their backyard and after inquiring around couldn't find the owner.

Mary said that she called the police and that they picked the bicycle up and carried it to the police station where they found out it had been stolen. It was returned to the rightful owner.

Now most of you readers are saying by this time what is so unusual about that. Well later in the week the person or persons who had left the bicycle at the Stone's house must have come back for it because they went off with Mary's child's bicycle. So now she is out of a bicycle.

So the moral to this story is, "Don't leave your bicycle where someone can walk off with it."

A telephone call last week from Johnny Young, formerly of Raeford, was to inform me that he had now completed his education and had graduated from McKenzie Junior College in Tennessee with a degree in Business Science with a 2.9 average.

He said that he was working for the Hertz Truck Leasing Corporation in Chattanooga, Tenn. Johnny is married and has two children and sends regards to all his friends here.

Later in the week a letter arrived from Johnny which said: Dear Mr. Morris:

Per our telephone conversation this past Tuesday evening, I would like for you to include this photograph if possible.

It was so good to talk with someone back home. Maybe we can visit the next time my family and I visit Raeford.

Cordially yours
Johnny Young

Here is the picture:



Don't forget the Kiwanis Club Softball Tournament that is going on at Armory Park. Games are scheduled through Friday night.

Billy Colston, athletic director at Hoke High School was by the office this week and was promoting the sale of football season tickets. He also told me that Kathy McMillan, local track star would compete in the World Cup games

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At Monthly Meeting

Board Subjects: Teachers, Pupil Transfers

For Raeford Election Of Nov. 6

Filing Period For City Candidates Set

Candidates for mayor and Raeford city councilmen can file for the November municipal election at noon September 14, the Hoke County Board of Elections advised last week.

The deadline for filing is noon October 5.

The books for registration of voters for the city election will close October 8.

The voters will elect people to the City Council's five seats. The election of the mayor is separate from the council elections.

Election Registrars and judges of Hoke County's 13 precincts were appointed August 7.

They are, with the registrar listed first and the judges next:

Allendale Precinct -- Dorothy M. Farrow, Sallie Liles, Jesse James Locklear.

Antioch -- Martha L. Miller, Landon Goodman, Margaret Baldwin.

Blue Springs -- Leroy Horsley, Charlotte Kelly, Robert Taylor.

Buchan -- Gilbert McGregor, Geneva Joy, Eleese Strother.

McCain -- James R. Nixon, Elsie Teal, Ruby Cameron.

Puppy Creek -- Louise Plummer, Clea M. Newton, Almata Smith.

Raeford No. 1 -- Richard Norris, Christana Howell, Charles E. Morrison.

Raeford No. 2 -- Mary P. Matherly, Sara Maxwell, Rebecca Childress.

Raeford No. 3 -- Mary Frances Conoly, Bettie J. Davis, Mary E. Barefoot.

Raeford No. 4 -- Carl A.

Edwards, Mary King, Frances Gordon.
Raeford No. 5 -- Pinkston

Simmons, Mary K. Thomas, James C. Graham.
Rockfish -- Edith H. Ray, Irene

B. Grant, Hattie I. Chason.
Stonewall -- Ethel Hayes, Shirley C. Maxwell, Martha E. Jackson.



SMITH REUNION -- Lonnie Smith [seated, right] celebrated his 80th birthday Sunday at his home in the Wayside Community, and members of his family gave him a surprise birthday party. The occasion also became a Smith family reunion, and over 100 people attended. Here are the visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith is the lady next to him, and Kirk Parker, their lifelong friend, is seated at the left.

For All Students

Immunization Proof Required

The new state immunization law says all school students must present proof of immunization against the six specified diseases on or before the start of the 1980-81 school year or be expelled, Lloyd Horne, Hoke County health director, reminded parents Tuesday. The diseases are polio, measles, rubella (German measles), diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus.

He said parents should receive notification this fall whether their children need to get one of more inoculations. The notification should be received from the school

the child will attend.

County Schools Supt. Raz Autry said school principals have been alerted to the change and will be enforcing the requirements beginning with the 1980-81 school year.

Autry said notifications to parents would be mailed during the 1979-80 school year and that immunization records would be reviewed closely so all children would be in compliance.

"The coming school year, 1979-80, will be a good time for those who need protection to get it, either from a family doctor or from the local health

department," Autry and Horne said.

Horne said the new law, which went into effect last July 1, is designed to eliminate the possibility of serious outbreaks of childhood diseases among school populations.

"We are looking at maybe 200,000 students in all grades across the state who are not fully protected against the six diseases," he said.

Beginning students for years have been required to get the protection. Measles vaccination,

however, wasn't required until 1971, and rubella in 1977, so there are many junior and senior high school students moving up through the grades without full protection, Horne said.

"Since 1973", he added, "elementary schools have demanded immunization records of all kindergarten and first-grade youngsters, so our lower grades are in good shape except for transfers."

"Many times school records from distant states do not arrive with immunization records attached."

Chief Reminds Motorists Of Parking Rules

Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reminded motorists Tuesday of the two-hour parking limit on some streets in the downtown area.

He also reminded them it's a violation of a city ordinance to park on a street with the driver's side of the car next to the curb.

Signs stating the two-hour parking limits are posted, as are signs on the sides of streets where

parking is prohibited any time of the day.

Wiggins said the two-hour parking limit affects both sides of Main Street from Edinborough Avenue to Central Avenue; and one side each of Elwood, from Stewart to Magnolia; and on Edinborough from Stewart to Magnolia.

The officer said parking on the "wrong" side of the street not only violates the city code but a state traffic law as well, namely the one

forbidding driving left of the center line of the highway.

Wiggins pointed out that, to park on the left side of a street a motorist must drive left of the center line.

The officer said a \$1 fine is the penalty for each violation of the city parking ordinance.

If the fine is not paid by the date specified on the citation, he said, a warrant is issued, and that requires an appearance in court, which is

considerably more expensive -- \$27 is the minimum penalty imposed on a finding of guilty of the offense.

Wiggins said the police department issues 10 to 20 parking tickets a week, for violation of the two-hour limit. Eight were issued between August 6 and August 10, and four on Monday, he said. None were issued Saturday, he said, but Saturday is a very light day for parking violations in Raeford.

Preliminaries To Start Of New Year

Teachers Report To Schools Next Week

Preliminaries to the opening of the Hoke County Schools for the new academic year September 5 will start next week with teachers reporting to their schools Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

A countywide meeting of educators is scheduled for Thursday, and staff development sessions August 24, 27 and 28. This will be followed by three days of vacation, the regular weekend, and the Labor Day holiday.

This year, no orientation day for

students is scheduled preceding the first full day of classes.

The remainder of the calendar for the 1979-80 school year follows.

Sept. 28 - NCAE meeting
Oct. 17 - End first six weeks
Oct. 24 - Report cards go out
Oct. 26 - Parent-teacher conference
Nov. 22, 23 - Thanksgiving

Dec. 3 - End second six weeks
Dec. 10 - Report cards go out
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1 - Christmas holiday and winter vacation

Jan. 23 - End semester
Jan. 24, 25 - Workday
Jan. 30 - Report cards go out
Feb. 1 - Parent-teacher conference

Mar. 10 - End fourth six weeks
Mar. 17 - Report cards go out
Apr. 4, 7, 8 - Vacation and holidays
Apr. 24 - End fifth six weeks

May 1 - Report cards go out
May 2 - Parent-teacher conference
June 6 - Last day - pupils

June 9, 10, 11 - Extra days (one-half day on June 11)
June 11-18 - Vacation
June 19 - Lieu of Memorial Day

Faberge Makes CP Donation

August A. Zitzmann, general manager of the Raeford plant of Faberge, Inc., Tuesday presented a "sizable donation" to the Raeford Jayettes for their Cerebral Palsy Campaign, it was reported.

In a session that lasted just under four hours Monday night, the Hoke County Board of Education ruled on an appeal of a school-placement decision, selected and assigned 12 teachers and 14 substitute teachers for the Hoke County school system, addressed some fine points in a new state law governing gasoline conservation in public school operations, and announced the school schedule for the upcoming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leach of P.O. Box 272, Aberdeen, appeared before the board personally to

appeal the board's ruling of July 12 that their 5-year-old son, Brian, may not be released from Hoke County's school jurisdiction to attend kindergarten in Moore County. The Leaches stressed that they each work in Moore, and only with the child attending school in Moore will the program "work out right" for them, referring specifically to the mother's being able to transport the child to and from school and to care for him consistently in the course of her normal working day. (She works at an Aberdeen day nursery)

Board member Mina Townsend told the Leaches she "sympathized with them" in their situation, and the concern of other members was evident around the table. But board Chairman Riley Jordan reminded Leach that the board is responsible only for providing an education for the child and cannot be expected also to provide after-hours care. Leach responded that he was asking for nothing of the kind but only the release of the child to the Moore County system so that he (Leach) could exercise his own responsibility toward the child's safety and well-being before and after school.

After a 40-minute executive session during which news reporters and the Leaches were asked to wait outside, the board voted to grant a one-year "hardship" release for the Leach child and also for another child, Ken Moser, whose case had not been introduced or discussed at the meeting prior to the executive session.

The Leaches were advised by the board to "work something out" during the one-year period, as such a concession may not again be made. In addition, Schools Superintendent Raz Autry was instructed to prepare and mail letters to each of the two families on August 14 to that effect.

In personnel actions, the board approved 12 teachers recommended by Autry for positions in the Hoke school system after reviewing their credentials and references. They are Catherine Walls, a teacher of the exceptional and mentally handicapped, Hoke High; Roger Dale Edwards, physical education, Hoke High; Virginia Bowen Smith, School grade, South Hoke; Elizabeth Postel, librarian, Turlington; Gloria Feltman, EMH, Turlington; Linda L. Duncans, sixth grade, Turlington; Donald V. Rose, second grade, West Hoke; Marie C. Brown, librarian, McLaughlin; Carol Tolin, eighth grade, Upchurch; Michael Glenn Sutton, biology and assistant football coach, Hoke High; Vicki S. Wiles, Spanish, Hoke High; and Miriam Ropp McNeill, music, South Hoke and West Hoke.

Fourteen substitute teachers were also assigned. Meeting or exceeding the minimum qualifications and approved by the board were Mary Alexander, Cathy Ellis, Debbie Hollingsworth, Ruby Goodman, Keith Hickman, Doris McNeill, Brendila Leslie, Patricia Mayes, Wanda McClendon, Emma McKinzie, Linda Williams, Deborah Wright, Jessie Marie Cobb, and Cynthia L. Hardman.

In the teacher-selection process, some emphasis was placed on whether the prospective teacher lives in or outside Hoke County. While that factor was not used as a criterion this year, Chairman Jordan said that he felt the board should "encourage" Hoke teachers being residents of Hoke, that in his opinion teachers who live outside the county "just do not have the interests of Hoke children at heart." The situation is better now than it used to be, Jordan said, but must continue to improve. He said that in 1977 more than 50 per cent of the county's teaching staff lived outside the county.

Of the 12 teachers assigned in (See MEETING, page 14)