

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather was fine for the weekend, but we had about three inches of rain Sunday night. This is official as it came from Robert Gatlin. Gatlin was in the office Monday morning and was telling me that his pond was out of its banks and that it was so bad he couldn't get to his boat house. He stated that more rain fell north of the city than fell in Raeford.

The forecast is for cooler weather for the remainder of the week.

Thanksgiving Day was quiet in Raeford and I believe most people ate a big meal and rested during the day. Of course the Christmas parades and football games were watched by many people on television. A number of places were closed on Friday also, but many of us started the old grind after the turkey day off. Now it is almost Christmas time.

While on the subject of Christmas, we noticed that the Christmas lights have been put in place and were turned on after Thanksgiving. These lights are financed by the merchants and the street department of the city puts them up every year.

These decorations are real expensive and help give the city a Christmas look, so when you are shopping mention them to the merchants and show your appreciation for the decorations.

The annual Pancake Supper sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club will be held on Friday night, December 7 at the Gibson Cafeteria starting at five o'clock. The day has been changed from the usual Thursday date so everyone should take notice of this change.

If you need tickets you can purchase them from any Kiwanian or from Key Club members at the high school. All proceeds will go to local civic projects.

Ever since the day I started playing golf I have always wanted to hit a golf ball out of sight. Well, last Thanksgiving morning at Arabia Golf Course, my wish came true, on the first tee I drove the ball and it went out of sight. Of course a heavy fog was so you couldn't see twenty feet beyond the tee, but the ball went out of sight down the greenway. So a little fog can help some times.

Mrs. Thelma Vann, nee Thelma Johnson, native of Raeford who now lives in California, called her niece, Agnes Mae Campbell to tell her that she had the Raeford Thanksgiving spirit with a cooked House of Raeford turkey that she purchased there. She wanted the people at the House of Raeford Turkey Plant to know how good it was.

Recently Ken Witherspoon, director of the department of social services was talking to me about helping needy families at Christmas and wanted to know how this was handled in the county. I informed him that many times I mentioned in this column that people try to go through one agency so that everyone can be helped at Christmas time.

This week I received the following letter from Ken and think that everyone should try to go through his department if they want to aid an individual or a family.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Sam,  
With Thanksgiving behind us, our thoughts are now directed towards the Christmas season with all of its joy and celebration. Several individuals and churches have already contacted the department about sharing their resources with those less fortunate individuals in Hoke County.

Since this is my first Christmas with the department, I believe that would be a good idea with your assistance if we could communicate with the community what the See AROUND TOWN, page 15)

## For Work In Pest-eradication Program

# Hoke Second In 14-county Tobacco Competition

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**In National 4-H Exhibit**

## Allen Sandy's Photo To Represent State

A picture by Allen Sandy of Raeford has been chosen to represent North Carolina in the sixth annual National 4-H Exhibit sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company.

In recognition of his participation, he will receive a special Kodak Centennial Medallion for excellence in amateur photography as a part of the company's celebration of its 100th anniversary in 1980.

Made up of no more than four pictures from each state, the exhibit is being shown for the first time at the annual 4-H Congress in

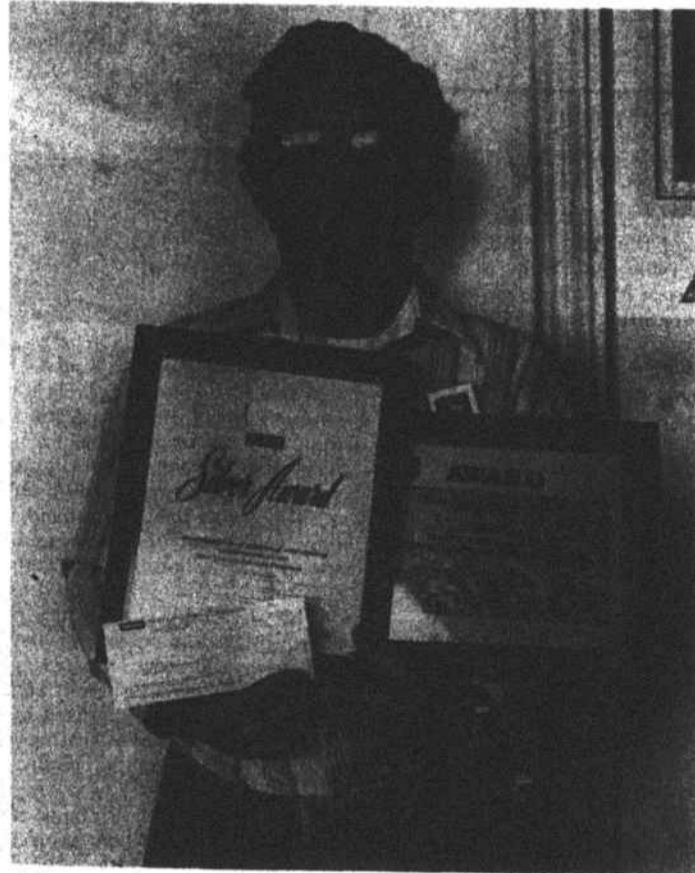
Chicago, this week will be on display at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., next year.

The 4-H'ers is represented by "And the Spirit Fills the Darkness of the Heavens." He also attended the 1978 National 4-H Congress.

Exhibit photos have been selected by the cooperative extension service in each state. Kodak has printed and mounted the photos for the national display, affixing a seal of recognition and will give each 4-H'er represented an enlarged print.



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AWARDS FOR HOKE -- Larry Locklear, Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service farm agent, displays the awards the county received Nov. 20 in Raleigh for Hoke farmers and other agriculture-related people in the R-9-P tobacco pest eradication program for the past year. Locklear is holding the \$350 check and the Silver Award plaque of the TUCO Division of The Upjohn Co. for the county's placing second in 14-county Area C of the statewide Disc for Dollars, and the State Agricultural Extension Service Golden Award for completing the first three steps of the R-9-P program with at least 99 percent of the county's tobacco farmers and others connected with agriculture participating.

Hoke County's tobacco farmers and others associated with the county's tobacco production have brought the county a prize of \$350 a Silver Award plaque and an award for participation the past year in a tobacco-pest elimination program.

The Silver Award and check were made to the county for placing second in 14-county Area C in the Disc for Dollars. It was held in conjunction with the R-9-P program to eliminate pests from all flue-cured tobacco lands in the state. The program was sponsored by The Upjohn Co.'s TUCO Division, manufacturer of Enide 50w herbicide for tobacco. The Extension Service cooperated.

The awards were won in Category II, which is for counties with at least 1,500 acres and no more than 4,000 acres in flue-cured production. Hoke had about 2,200 acres in tobacco production the past year.

The participation award was given by the North Carolina State University Agricultural Extension Service because all Hoke County tobacco farmers and Extension Homemakers clubs and agriculture-related businesses participated.

The awards were presented Nov. 20 at State University in Raleigh during the Research on Wheels Review. They were received for Hoke by Larry Locklear, county Extension farm agent for crop production. Other Hoke people also attended the meeting.

The R-9-P is a campaign to reduce nine important pests that afflict tobacco: the diseases root-knot, mosaic, brown spot, and vein banding; the insects hornworms, budworms and flea beetles; and weeds.

The participation award of the Extension Service is based on the percentage completion by a county of the first four steps in the R-9-P program:

--Cut or shred tobacco stalks immediately after harvest is completed.

--Disc or plow out stubbles within the same day.

--Disc again two weeks later.

--Seed a winter crop on the tobacco land.

The counties Hoke competed with in Area C are Anson, Chatham, Durham, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Northampton, Orange, Richmond, and Scotland.

The Community Plan for R-9-P involves neighbors working together forming a united team to fight the tobacco pests, the Extension Service report on the program says.

## Jaycees To Sell

The Raeford Jaycees are participating in a state project selling *Account* magazine.

The publication is on sale at The Decor Center, Avery Connell Agency, and The Party Shop, and Jaycees, will be selling the magazines Friday afternoon and Saturday in downtown Raeford.

## Dinners Celebrate Plant's Safety Mark

The Burlington Menswear Dyeing Plant at Raeford celebrated Nov. 21 its safety record of having done through 5 million consecutive working hours without suffering an accident serious enough to keep a single employee off the job.

This amounted to a total of 2,144 working days.

The plant management celebrated by being host to four dinners to its employees and visiting special guests. The latter included management office people of the neighboring Raeford Plant of Burlington Menswear; former Raeford Plant manager Jack Bradford, now a Burlington group manager based at the Clarksville, Va., plant, and another staff representative from Clarksville; and Charlie Crocker, Burlington Industries corporate safety engineer based at the com-

pany's headquarters in Greensboro.

Crocker and Bradford were among the speakers at the 12:30 p.m. dinner, which was for half the Dyeing Plant's employees working on the first shift, and guests from outside the plant.

The other employees of the first shift had dinner at 11 a.m. The other dinners were at 3 a.m. for the third shift at 6 p.m. for the second.

The plant's supervisors made up the serving team for the dinners.

F. Gilbert (Gib) Bernhardt, the manager of the Dyeing Plant, was the official host.

Pictures taken during the dinner are on page 13.

## Musical Comedy Chosen For 1980 Production

# Club To Give 'Little Mary Sunshine'

Who is the girl that is "the sunshine of the sun", with a smile for one and all, is a bit old-fashioned, is the foster daughter of Chief Brown Bear - chief of the Kadotas (a tribe of two!), and the darling of all the Colorado forest rangers? Why, it's "Little Mary Sunshine", of course!

The Raeford Junior Woman's

Club is proud to announce that the musical "Little Mary Sunshine" has been selected to be presented as its spring production of 1980. This is a delightful musical by Rick Besoyan which is a take-off on many of the Jeannette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy movies of the early 1930s. It was first presented on Broadway in 1959

with an all-star cast which included Jeannette MacDonald as the lead character.

The performances are scheduled for March 21-22 and 28-29 in the Hoke County High School gymnasium. The price of a ticket is \$4.

Auditions for the roles of Mary Potts, (Little Mary Sunshine), "Big Jim" Warrington, Billy Jester, Chief Brown Bear, Nancy Twinkle, Fleet Foot, Yellow Feather, General Oscar Fairfax, Ernestine von Liebedich, the young ladies from the Eastchester Finishing School, gentlemen of the United States forest rangers, dancers and singers will be held the nights of Dec. 4 and 6, from 8 till 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Everyone of any age is encouraged to try out.

Everyone who plans to audition is advised to be prepared to sing one song of his or her choice, a song which shows the individual's vocal range and capabilities. An accompanist will be provided each

evening.

Because the practice schedule will be very demanding, it is asked that only those people who are truly dedicated to committing themselves to long hours of work, Saturday morning dance practices, and constant demands of their minds and strength are asked to audition.

The chairman for the musical will be Chris Watkins, who directed last year's production of "Spring for Sure!"

"The minute I read the libretto of this musical I knew that this was the one to follow the hit, 'Spring for Sure!'", says Watkins. "The music is delightful and a real challenge to the normal singer. The characters are very real and as funny as the ones we created in last year's musical hit. I feel sure that the people of Raeford and the surrounding area will be as delighted with 'Little Mary Sunshine' as I am!"

Little Mary is the owner of the Colorado Inn, high in the Rocky

Mountains, early in this century. Although she is poor and the government is going to take away her land and inn if she cannot raise the money for the mortgage, Mary is always cheery. Her foster father, Chief Brown Bear, lives with her at the inn. As a child, Mary lost her way while berry picking and was found by the savage Kadota Indians. The chief raised the young child and has stayed with her all through the year even though the tribe has dwindled down to only two Indians.

The forest rangers of the area love Mary dearly and have named her "Little Mary Sunshine" because of her constant happiness and merriment. Captain "Big Jim" Warrington is particularly fond of Mary but is shy about telling Mary of his love.

The inn is kept occupied by the prim and proper girls of the Eastchester Finishing School. These girls have been taught to

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## 2 Found Dead In Car

A man and a woman were found dead about 7:40 a.m. Nov. 21 in a gray Buick parked in a field on the farm of Mrs. W.T. Everleigh in Antioch Township, the Hoke County Sheriff's Department reported.

The deaths were caused apparently by carbon monoxide but the bodies were sent to Chapel Hill for autopsies to be made by the state chief medical examiner's office to determine the causes specifically, the report says.

The victims were identified as Samuel Willis Haywood, 29, of Rt. 1, Red Springs, and Mary C. McLean, 23, of Rt. 1, Shannon.

A sheriff's officer found the bodies after he went to the farm in response to a call to the department made at 7:30 a.m. by Mrs. Everleigh that a car containing a man and a woman was in the field. The investigating officer found the car's lights on.

The car was identified as Haywood's.