

Around Town

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Two subjects have been the topic of conversation for the past week. They are the weather and cablevision.

The hot weather is still with us and from the forecast it could last for several more weeks. I can't remember the weather being so hot for so long without a break in the heat.

The rain last week helped as far as crops and the gardens are concerned but the humidity went up and it seemed hotter afterwards. So keep your electric bill paid and your air conditioner in good shape and you can survive this hot weather.

The other subject is about cablevision and I will honestly say I didn't know so many people watched a certain station or a certain program as has come to my attention this past week. After about a hundred phone calls or people coming into the office I stopped counting the complaints. The reason people were giving me the opportunity to answer a question I knew nothing about was that I am a member of the City Council and had voted for a raise a few days before the cablevision broke.

Now the only thing that you could get on the TV last week was the Republican Convention. Most folks got along the first night real well but then it all seemed to be like a phonograph. The same old record over and over again. So they were ready for a change and it was impossible.

The complaints didn't bother me so much because I was putting up with the same situation that they were. Of course when a Republican called and complained I knew that something must be done on my part so I called City Hall.

As of Monday afternoon the situation is just about the same except the city manager called and said that the parts had arrived in Red Springs and they would begin putting them in immediately and that the situation should be normal by the end of the week.

Matthews also said last week that the cablevision company said they would make an adjustment on the bill for July while the system was out of order.

So this is the situation, complaints and all this person knows about cablevision.

Did you hear the reports state the other day that England was having the coldest July in over 300 years? The average temperature for the month is about 56 degrees.

Someone stated in the office that all the heat was in the United States so it should be cool in Europe.

Congressman Charlie Rose was by the office last Friday afternoon for a visit. He did not make any statements that I can pass on to you but was talking in general about both conventions, Jesse Helms and other notables in the news.

He did notice the headline on *The News-Journal* and made a comment about calling Fort Bragg about the low-flying aircraft. If he did, a story should be elsewhere in the paper.

It is always good to see the congressman and we like to keep in touch because you can never tell when you will need him to go to bat for you.

Listening to the reports of how much electricity is being used over the state makes you wonder if we will finally have a "brown out." Of course the electric companies keep telling us to conserve energy so this won't happen but we Americans usually must "let the horse out" before we close the gate.

Just think about how hot it would be if the air conditioner went off for a few hours. This should make us think to cut off all electric devices that are not in use.

It may also lower your electric bill!

The only comment that I will make about the Republican Convention is that it seemed for a while they were going to run co-presidents against the Democrats.

On Ambulance Service Contract

2-1 Vote Denies Request For Advance

Man Accused In Attack On S.C. Nurse In Hoke

Rape, Kidnap Hearings Set For Aug. 8

A Hoke County man is being held under \$100,000 bond on charges of first-degree rape and kidnapping allegedly committed July 11.

He is Ardell Sturdivant, 40, of Rt. 1, Box 168, Raeford. Hoke County District Court Judge Joseph E. Dupree set the bond Thursday following the hearing required to be held within 96 hours after a defendant is charged. The warrants were issued July 16.

A preliminary hearing to determine whether probable cause exists for the charges is scheduled for August 8 in District Court.

Sturdivant is accused of committing the acts against Elizabeth Sellers Harvey, 29, of Bennettsville, S.C., in southern Hoke County.

The judge found at Thursday morning's hearing that Sturdivant is entitled because of indignity to the service of a public defender to represent him in court.

Mrs. Harvey, a nurse at Marlborough General Hospital in

Bennettsville, told the investigating officers, Sheriff David Barrington and Capt. J.R. Riley she had been visiting her mother in the Antioch community and left her mother's home about 9:30 p.m. July 11 with her 4-year-old son asleep in the back seat when her oil-gauge warning light started showing and the car's motor developed a knocking sound.

She gave these other details to the officers.

Mrs. Harvey after the car trouble showed saw a sign indicating U.S. 401 was seven miles away. Thereupon she followed the direction and stopped at a 76 station on U.S. 401 south but found it was a store and had no gas pumps. She bought a can of motor oil, then "out of nowhere" a man appeared and offered to help her. On his advice, she drove him to a house down the road and turned the car to the back of a house. He opened the oil can with a pocket knife to put the oil in the motor.

After that, he asked her to take him to a friend's house. She thereupon drove back to the 76 Store, turned right, and then drove down a road about a mile and a half. At that point the man told her to turn left onto a dirt road. It was then she became frightened.

In the car, before they got out, the man had shown the first sign of his intentions by moving toward her. He also started using foul language. Mrs. Harvey begged him not to hurt her or her baby (her son), and he replied he wouldn't if she did what he wanted her to do.

The man made her get out of the car, then dragged her into the barn and raped her several times (she didn't know how many) on a bench.

He was holding a knife in his hand and threatened to kill her. At one point, feeling around on the floor of the barn, she found a tobacco stick and hit him on the head with it, and then he hit her in the face.

Afterward, they got back into the car, and Mrs. Harvey let the man

out on the paved road.

She found her way back to U.S. 401 and stopped at the first house she saw that was showing lights, rang the bell and told the man who answered what had happened. It happened that the man was Sheriff's Department Detective Alex Norton, whose home she had come to. The investigator's report says Mrs. Harvey was taken to Moore Memorial Hospital for examination and what treatment she needed.

When Mrs. Harvey appeared at Norton's home, the report says, she had blood on both sides of her face and her left eye had been blackened.

She also took the officers to the tobacco barn where the attack allegedly occurred. There, the report says, they found blood on a wooden bench and under the barn shelter and a ball cap they believed the suspect had been wearing.

The barn is off SR 1205 and about two miles from the 76 Store.

The Hoke County commissioners at their mid-month meeting Monday night turned down a request for a \$4,000 advance on the ambulance contract and postponed till the August 4 meeting making a decision on a request for a \$4,000 addition to meet increased costs of transporting the developmentally disabled to the Scottish Crafts Workshop at Laurinburg and home again.

The commissioners voted 2-1 against adopting a motion to provide the advance, repayable in 12 months to July 10, to the Hoke County Ambulance Service to pay for equipping an ambulance with a new motor and installing it and repairing rear brakes. The approving vote was cast by Commissioner James A. Hunt. The opposing votes were cast by Commissioners Mabel Riley and Neill McPhatter. Commissioner Danny DeVane was absent from the meeting. Board Chairman John Balfour seconded the motion to put it to a vote after no second was made by McPhatter or Mrs. Riley.

Mrs. Riley after questioning Jim Henley, who with his wife owns and operates the service, about the possibility of his obtaining the money from a local private bank or other lending institution said the county shouldn't loan money to one county employee without charging interest, without loaning money to another without interest.

Before that, Balfour said surplus county money accumulates interest while it is on deposit and he didn't know whether the county could legally charge interest on a loan.

Henley, replying to a question put by Mrs. Riley, said in effect he had obtained all he could from banks with what collateral he could provide.

Henley had obtained a \$5,000 advance last year from the commissioners on his contract and repaid it within a year, it was brought out in the discussion.

Henley also told the commissioners insurance policy premiums the ambulance service has to pay have increased 30 to 40 per cent, an increase of over \$1,500.

In moving to delay action on the request for more money for the developmentally disabled, Mrs. Riley said she wanted to see if the organization can get money from somewhere else.

After the commissioners voted and as the three women who presented the request were leaving, Mrs. Riley called one of the women, Elizabeth Park, and advised her that the next time a universal joint on the bus breaks down, call her before she calls anyone else.

"I'm not trying to drum up business," Mrs. Riley explained, with a grin, "I'll do it (repair work) for free."

Ruth Pecora and Shirley Frahm were the others who appeared with Mrs. Park in reference to the request. They are members of the Hoke County Developmentally Disabled Association, volunteers who work with the disabled.

Mrs. Pecora told the commissioners the main cost of the transportation was the gas. The county provided the association with \$4,000 for the 1980-81 fiscal year, the same as the previous year's. But the funds will be depleted by Jan. 1, the commissioners were informed. Mrs. Pecora said if the association has to discontinue the transportation, it will lose the federal title XX grant and if it loses the grant it will never be able to get another from that federal source.

She said an average of eight Hoke County developmentally disabled adults make the trips to the sheltered workshop, though the number is less when the weather conditions are bad during the winter.

Mrs. Pecora told the commissioners gasoline for the trips now costs about \$300 a month, and insurance payments amount to \$166 each for two payments a year. Balfour told the association representatives after the commissioners voted to delay on their request that "we hope to give you an answer by the next meeting."

MISS HALL RESIGNS

The commissioners later in the (See BOARD, page 14)

Guest Of Raeford Family

French Girl Learning N.C. From Here

Danielle Couvreur plans to become a judge working with juveniles, and she's a guest at the home of a Raeford attorney.

But there is no relation between the two facts, as her being at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hostetler's home, 305 W. Elwood Ave., is a matter of chance. Her hostess is the Hostetler's daughter, 15-year-old Dorcas.

Miss Couvreur is 16, bright, cheerful, and beautiful, and lives in Rilly-la-Montagne, France. That's near Rheims and in the Marne Department in the Pyrenees Mountains. When she arrived in Raeford, she presented Dorcas Hostetler with a necklace, and Mr. and Mrs. Hostetler a box of champagne filled chocolates, and a bottle of champagne. The champagne was special. The label bore the name Francois Couvreur. He is Miss Couvreur's father. She described him Friday in an interview as the proprietor of a vineyard who grows grapes and makes the champagne from them.

It was by chance that Miss Couvreur and the Hostetlers were brought together for a month. Mrs. (Anne) Hostetler said she read a newspaper article a few months ago saying a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Frederick Fladenmuller, needed hosts for students from France.

They are with the North Atlantic Cultural Exchange League. Miss Couvreur is one of 250 visiting the United States, and one of 95 visiting in North Carolina.

Mrs. Hostetler got in touch with the professor, saying the Hostetlers would like to have for a guest a girl of 15 or 16 who lives in a rural community. Mrs. Hostetler explained to the reporter Friday that they felt a girl from Paris might be bored visiting in a small town.

The result was Danielle arrived July 13 in Raeford. The result also is obviously a happy one for everybody.

Miss Couvreur already has met

many young people, about 30 of them one day last week at volleyball, other games, and watermelon-eating at the Hostetlers' and at First Baptist Church, which the Hostetlers are members of. She also was due to see a movie at Bordeaux Shopping Center at Fayetteville with young people of the church, and on Friday was going to the coast with her hosts to see Wilmington, and the battleship North Carolina, there, and do some swimming at Sunset Beach.

She also was to be taken to Pinehurst for a visit of the World Golf Hall of Fame, and to fox-hunting and steeplechase horse farms around Southern Pines, among other places. Seeing "Strike at the Wind," the historical outdoor drama about Henry Berry Lowrie, at Pembroke, and visits to the State Zoo near Asheboro and to the mountains also were being considered for the future for the guest.

She also had the unique experience of going on a driver education ride with Dorcas, who is taking the road training toward getting her driver's license in about a year.

Then one day last week she went to Silver Grove Church for a nutrition meeting sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service of Hoke County, with Hoke Extension Home Economics Agent Ellen Willis, and told the audience about nutrition in France.

On another day, she went to Cross Creek Mall in Fayetteville with Dorcas and Mrs. Hostetler. When she first heard Mrs. Hostetler say "Mall," she was startled, because it sound like the French word "mal," and this means "bad."

By a coincidence, Bordeaux, France, is the city where Danielle hopes to win admission to a school for magistrates in about three years. She has one more year of high school left, starting in September, then two years studying



Danielle Couvreur [right] with hostess Dorcas Hostetler in the Hostetlers home. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau.]

law in an apprenticeship "faculte".

If she wins the competition for admission to the Bordeaux school, she'll study for the next four years, earn a master's degree, then specialize the following three years to qualify to become a juvenile judge.

The Bordeaux school is "very hard" to get into, she explained slowly in her accented English. Only 100 students are admitted each year, she said. A student must have a superior academic record but also have excellent recommendations to win the competition for a place.

In the faculte, earning a certificate is an important advantage in the competition for admission to the Bordeaux school.

The only thing about Raeford and the country around it Danielle didn't feel like cheering about, though she was too polite to mention it, was the hot weather. Back home in the mountains, the summer temperatures range between 59 and 77 degrees. She describes it in terms of 15 to 25 degrees Celsius.

One of the many delightful things Miss Couvreur found in Raeford were recordings.

Among those she bought here were those of Lou Reed; The Doors, with Jim Morrison; Ian Hunter; and the Rolling Stones.

American and French teenagers have many tastes in common, and recording stars and kinds of music are among them. Danielle said she likes rock - and - roll, and hard rock (but she doesn't like Disco). However, she also likes classical music, and she and Charles Hostetler found they had this in

common: Wagner and Beethoven are favorites of both.

Like American teenagers, Danielle also enjoys riding bicycles and motorcycles and her liking for the latter is a financial benefit: gasoline costs about \$3.75 a gallon back home. Then, too, a person must be at least 18 to get a license to drive (though anyone of any age is allowed to buy alcoholic beverages).

Television shows still popular in France, she said, include "Mission Impossible", "Happy Days," and "Columbo."

Like Americans her age, she also goes to the movies and plays cards. French young people, like Americans their age, wear the combination of jeans and T-shirts.

As far as alcohol is concerned, beer is the favorite of French youth, but champagne is the drink for parties, she said. (In Europe, however, beer is regarded more as a food than alcoholic drink. (There is even beer soup - The Editor.)

Parties are held to celebrate birthdays, among other things. But also they are held for "name" days.

On the French calendar, each first name has its own date. December 11, for example, is the "name" date for everyone named "Danielle."

The French people also celebrate Christmas and Easter, but Christmas is primarily a religious holiday, though the French, like the Americans, exchange gifts. Santa Claus, however, is a "regional," not a national, visitor, Miss Couvreur said. In her home and other departments, Santa doesn't come on Christmas, but in others,

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Dozen Men Register In First 3 Hours

A dozen Hoke County youths born in 1960 had registered by 11:30 a.m. Monday, the first day of national draft registration for young men born that year.

Registration is being held through this week at the Raeford Post Office for those born that year.

Young men born in 1961 will

register next week.

The first to register was David R. Allen of Rt. 1, Box 56, Raeford, Margaret Thaggard, the Post Office clerk who is conducting the registration, reported.

She said Allen was waiting at the Post Office when it opened at 8:30 a.m.

Allen became 20 last January 14.