

Teachers Already Busy In Workshops, Meetings

Hoke Schools To Start New Year Tuesday

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Do you like these "fall feeling" mornings? This is my kind of weather and if it stays this way until winter moves in, that will suit me.

A call from Billy Monroe at the Raeford Post Office last week was asking about the Hoke County Historical Association. The association hasn't had a quorum meeting in a couple of years. It seems not enough attends to call it a meeting. Monroe was informed that this writer was the last president when the association was active.

He stated that an oak tree in the post office parking lot either needed to be trimmed or cut down, and that the district office in Fayetteville told the post office department here that it had to be approved by the Historical Association.

When the post office was built in 1964 and some trees had to be removed for the parking lot, a wave of protests came from tree lovers all over the county. As would be, a bolt of lightning struck and killed the tree in question and it was removed. I guess after that mix-up the postal department put in their ground rules that some organization must give the ok, so as to take them off the hook.

Now this writer doesn't want to get on the hook about dogs, children or trees. I did talk with Jo Hall this week, and as she is the secretary of the association, asked her about the tree. Since the tree was struck by lightning this past spring, it is dying and last week two huge limbs fell in the parking lot and one of them hit a car. No one was injured because no one was in the car.

Now Jo Hall and I think it would be fine for the tree to be removed. If anyone has other thoughts, please register them with the postal department. It will be too late to remove the tree after a child is hurt.

As I said: No hooks for me!

Another call came from a citizen concerning the letter and comment in this column about the loan to the Hoke Ambulance Service.

The caller questioned the use of the word "loan." He stated that the newspaper should have checked into the story it ran that caused the letter to be written. He was informed that much checking had been done before the article was written.

After a lengthy conversation, which didn't change his opinion or my opinion, we settled the phone back on the hook.

In looking up the words "advance" and "loan" in the Webster dictionary in the office, I found out the following:

Advance: to pay (money) before due; to lend.

Loan: sum of money lent for a time with interest; to lend.

As Perry Mason would say, "I rest my case."

As you return from the Labor Day holidays and start back to work, don't forget that school will be starting that morning, Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. Many small children will be riding the busses and awaiting the busses on the side of the highway. Drive carefully, for if you should hit a child, it will be on your mind for many years to come.

The public hearing on Public Housing for Hoke County will be held at the courthouse Tuesday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m. Now don't just sit around the house or go out in the backyard and complain to your neighbors. If you are against Public Housing, then go to the meeting and let your elected officials know how you feel.

As the old saying goes: "Don't lock the gate after the horse is out of the stable."



At Ephesus celebration: the Rev. Hilton Willetts, the Rev. Jake Gurley, and the Rev. Clifton Canipe.



The Jackson family at the celebration.

Ephesus Church Celebrates 100th Birthday

Ephesus Baptist Church celebrated its 100th birthday Sunday with more than 100 people attending the celebration.

Many friends and former members as well as present members of

the church enjoyed fellowship and remembering things that happened at the church years ago.

A dinner was held between the morning and afternoon services.

The afternoon program of music was given by the Choraleers and the members of the church.

Visiting ministers told of some outstanding incidents that occurred while they were serving the church.

The ministers participating in the program included the present interim pastor, the Rev. Clifton O. Canipe; and the Revs. Hilton Willetts, Richard Dowless and E.C. Taylor.

35 Holly Park Residents Sign

Petition Opposes Housing Project

Thirty-five residents of the Holly Park Subdivision have signed a petition expressing objection to construction of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development apartment complex "or any other apartment complex" on land adjoining the subdivision.

A property owner who asked not to be quoted by name said Monday, "all but a few" of the Holly Park residents had signed the petition, and the others were expected to sign it in time for the petition to be presented to the Board of Hoke County Commissioners at the board's regular meeting Tuesday night.

The property owner showed the petition Monday morning to *The News-Journal*.

The board is scheduled to act then, after the meeting starts at 7, on a resolution concerning the proposed government financed housing for low-income families and elderly people. At 8:30, the commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposal to expand the jurisdiction and the membership of the Raeford Housing Authority to include the entire county and to have a board of nine members, including four from the county area outside Raeford and five from within Raeford.

The actions on the resolution and the Housing Authority are preliminaries to filing an application with the federal HUD for funds for construction of up to 200 units on several sites in the county. The Indian Housing Authority in Raleigh has been working with the county commissioners on the effort but the commissioners have told an IHA representative that the project must be coordinated by joint city-county Raeford Housing Authority.

The Raeford City Council is working in conjunction with the project, and originated the move to revive the Raeford Housing Authority.

The IHA representative, John Bullard, told the county commissioners August 18 three possible sites in the Raeford area were being considered as locations of 100 units. The Holly Park people's petition refers to one, which is a tract on N.C. 211 just south of the Raeford City limits and adjoining the Hoke County Medical Complex on the east side of the highway. The subdivision is on the west side of N.C. 211.

Bullard said this was being considered for the location of 26 units for low-income elderly single

people or couples with no children living with them.

The other considered sites would be for 35-37 units each, one site near the North Raeford Fire Department Station and Burlington Menwear's plant and the other on U.S. 401 south near St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church. These would be for families, Bullard said, but emphasized that nothing has been decided yet.

Local governments, however, will have to give approval before any area can be used as a site for the construction of the housing units.

The Holly Park property owner said the subdivision residents do not object to establishing public housing for low-income elderly people but to establishing it in an area that's already congested.

Holly Park property owners also petitioned several years ago against establishment of U.S. government-financed housing in their area when the Raeford Housing Authority was working to get it. The federal HUD did not approve financing for the project and about a year ago against establishment of an apartment complex to be built by a private company with a loan from the U.S. Farmers Home Administration.

The property owner who spoke to the reporter said nearly all the same people who signed the other petitions also signed the most recent one, and those who didn't but had signed the earlier ones have moved from Holly Park.

The resident said every Holly Park person who was asked to sign the newest petition signed it. The subdivision residents include blacks and white, and seven of the families are blacks.

The petition states these reasons for the objective to the construction of any low-rent apartment complex next to the subdivision:

"...An increase in the population that would exceed the actual neighborhood size, will probably lead to an increase in the crime rate, increased traffic, making the area unsafe for children, as well as the additional burden to the water and sewer facilities.

"The increased traffic will add to an overload that already exist due to the fact that a major industry and a medical facility are already in the neighborhood.

Furthermore, a Farmers Home Administration Complex for medium-to-low-income families already exists in Hoke County and a second HUD complex would be a

duplication of Government Programs here in Hoke County."

The property owner who showed *The News-Journal* reporter the petition Monday also showed the reporter on Friday a handwritten statement that says Holly Park property owners are requesting an environmental study be made of the area; that, "since the Census has not increased in 10 years, we see no need for such a development; and they "would like for you to visit some of these developments to see how run down they have become.

(In reference to the U.S. Census for 1980, however, the preliminary count for Hoke County shows a population of 19,563, the 1970 Census showed 16,436.)

Labor Day Holiday Closings Set

Government offices, including Raeford city and Hoke County, and most businesses will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

The meetings of the Board of Hoke County Commissioners and Raeford City Council customarily held on the first Monday of each month have been postponed because of the holiday.

The commissioners will hold their regular September meeting on Tuesday night, starting at 7. The council will meet September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The Hoke County Board of

The names on the petition shown to *The News-Journal* Monday are:

Hannelore Riley; Jefferson K. Riley, Jr.; Kimberly, Charles E. and Mattulene Shockley; Mr. and Mrs. Winford Epps; Mrs. Sheba Riley and James R. Riley; Eugene and Mary L. Chalaire; Tim A. and Patsy B. Hawkes; Martin L. and Ann Webb; Robert O. and Edna C. Holcombe; Jack K. and Rachel L. Przeor; Brenda F. and John A. Black; Dennis and Martha McGregor; Maryland and Gene A. Aaron; Rev. and Mrs. James Scriven; Mrs. M. and Mr. Willett Bissett, Jr.; Eugene Williams; Gladys and Bobby Edens; Alfred Buie; Wil-laree McDuffie; James and Alice Peterkin.

Bloodmobile To Visit Raeford Tuesday

The Bloodmobile will visit Raeford Tuesday, and donors are needed especially then because expected Labor Day holiday weekend accidents will bring a demand greater than normal for blood for victims in hospitals of the area.

Labor Day Softball Game

A softball game will be played Monday at Daniels Temple Recreation Center on Clay Hill. The Billy Carpenter Little

Education's regular meeting for the month won't be affected by the holiday this year since the standing date was changed early this year to the first Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m.

The U.S. Post Office in Raeford, will be on its regular holiday schedule Monday; no window service in the lobby, and no deliveries except "specials."

Monday also will be the final day of the summer vacation for Hoke County's school students. Classes for the 1980-81 school year will start at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The landfill also will be closed all day Monday.

The Bloodmobile will be at Raeford United Methodist Church from noon to 5:30 p.m.

The Tuesday visit is being sponsored by the House of Raeford and Raeford Turkey Farms.

League team will play the PTC team. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be sold.

Hoke County's 1980-81 school year will start at 8 a.m. Tuesday, with about 4,800 students expected for classes, County Schools Supt. Raz Autry announced Friday.

He said the number of students would be probably 50 more than the 1980-81 total, an increase that has been about the same each year the past couple of years, he said.

Tuesday will be a regular full day, with busses running and breakfast and lunch served. Autry added.

Of the total 716 students are expected for the exceptional children's classes. These include the educable and trainable mentally handicapped and the gifted and talented. The number, Autry said, would be about the same as last years, but the federal guidelines for selection of the gifted are stricter for this school year, which means fewer will be placed in the classes for the gifted and talented. He said "we'll end up with no more than 100. Seventy-five would be a closer figure."

Autry also said Hoke County High School for the first time will have a class for the trainable mentally handicapped students of senior high school age. The class has been held at Upchurch Junior High, and the transfer from Upchurch to Hoke High was made to give the students a normal high school atmosphere for their ages.

The enrollments by grades expected for the new year are: 395 in the kindergarten; 520 in the first grade; 395 -- second; 393 -- third; 450 -- fourth; 375 -- fifth; 340 -- sixth and seventh each; 350 -- eighth; 330 -- ninth; 308 -- 10th; 290 -- 11th; and 275 -- 12th.

Meanwhile, the teachers already are at work participating in the required in-service workshops and other professional meetings.

They reported to their principals Thursday morning, and at lunch they met with county schools administrators and members of the County Board of Education. The guest speaker was Mrs. Madeleine McElveen, who is in charge of the volunteer program in the Governor's Office of Citizens Affairs. Dr. Riley Jordan, chairman of the county school board, also spoke.

The teachers spent all day Friday and Monday in the workshops. One was on the last phase of the process the county school system as a whole is going through to achieve system-wide accreditation. The subject was comprehensive planning, and the workshop was led by John Farmer of the State Department of Public Instruction.

The subjects of other workshops and their leaders included: how to use test information to enhance instruction -- John Bolton of the South Central Regional Center; the Medallion Reading Program -- Henrietta Smith of Scott - Foresman, textbook-publishing company; energy economics and environment -- Diane Thompson of Carolina Power & Light Co., Raleigh; Jan Graham, Houghton-Mifflin Co., book publisher, using the reading-achievement program most effectively -- Jan Graham, Houghton-Mifflin Co. Reading Series.

Improving writing instruction Hoke High English teachers Harrett McDonald and Naomi Johnson; "Put Music into Your Teaching" -- Jerry Jones, director of the cultural arts program of the Randolph County school system; inspiring and shaping writing -- Dr. Robert W. Reising, Pembroke State University.

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Exceptional children, for all teachers, with a film "Cipher in the Snow" -- Rhenda Cameron, coordinator of the exceptional children's programs in the Hoke County school system; awareness of abuse of drugs and alcohol -- Pat Reese, Fayetteville newspaper reporter.

Self-image development vs. school performance, with special emphasis on the Indian Child -- Betty O. Mangum; attitudes and approaches to teaching -- Odell A. Watson, Division of Human Relations and Student Affairs, State Department of Public Instruction.