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Around Town

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Now don't say anything about these cold mornings. Just remember the month of August and all the hot days and nights. I believe we can put up with these cool nights for some time to come.

Heston Rose handed me a letter that was received by him and his wife recently and stapled to the letter was a newspaper picture with the caption "Golf Winners." The cutline read, "The Pinewood Ladies Club Golf Championship was held this past weekend and champions were crowned in four flights. Pictured at the right holding the plaque is championship flight winner Doris Smith. Other winners were, Beryl Beasley, second flight, Loretta Bain, first flight, and Pat Ellis third flight."

Pat Ellis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rose and she stated they now have a celebrity in the family.

The tournament was held in Asheboro.

A letter from Eleanor Gentry states: "I hope you will mention in your column about the outstanding job the Volunteer Firemen in our county are doing. The parade and demonstrations they gave Saturday brought to mind again the time and effort they give for all of us. Thank you - Eleanor Gentry."

You are right, Eleanor. They do a fine job and get little thanks for their many hours of work. Elsewhere in this issue of the paper are pictures of many of the volunteer firemen on different occasions last week during the observance of Firemen's Week in Hoke County.

The Hoke County Music Booster Club will sponsor a fried chicken dinner on Friday, October 24 starting at 5 p.m. and serving until 8 p.m. The affair will be held in the Gibson School Cafeteria.

All proceeds will go to the music departments at the various schools of the county. So go out and enjoy the fellowship and fill up on the fried chicken. Price of tickets only \$3.00. They can be obtained from Booster members.

Watching the confusion last Saturday afternoon on the baseball call for a triple play made me think that instant replay would not be good for sports. The TV cameramen kept rerunning the play over and over and it was impossible to see if the ball had been caught, or had it bounced first.

The umpires are part of the game just like the players and any time a play is close, it is a judgment call. Of course they miss some of their calls, but most of the time they are right. The delay with all the confusion and waiting is not good for the game. It causes many fans to turn off the set and look for another program.

Anyway the World Series started Tuesday and with the announcers needing something to talk about, you will see many replays over the next few nights.

Just remember that the umpire is part of the game and his decision is final.

In another part of the paper is a write-up about the upcoming Raeford Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament. If you like to play tournament golf and help the civic projects of the club, go out to the Arabia Golf Course and sign up for the tournament.

If you are going to be out of town on Tuesday, November 4, go by the Board of Elections office and get your absentee ballot. The office will be open from Monday through Friday until election day. It doesn't take long to get a ballot and then you can say that you have exercised your right as a citizen by voting.

The two oak trees in the parking lot at The Federal Building have been trimmed and they give off the shade they once did, but they don't look as bad as one would expect.

Anyway, they are safer for the public who use the lot every day of the week.



ENERGY CONSERVATION -- Hoke County people are shown the Consumer Education Workshop held Thursday morning in the T.B. Lester, Jr., Building by Four-County Community Services. Ways of conserving energy were described by Carrie Council, community food and nutrition program coordinator for the organization, based in Laurinburg; Charles McKoy, Hoke County director for Four-County; and Ellen Willis, a home economics agent for the Hoke Agricultural Extension Service. McKoy is standing in the rear, and Willie Featherstone, associate farm agent with the Hoke Extension Service, is standing in the center, at the projector. People in the Cameron Heights and South Hoke Neighborhood Centers' programs displayed at the meeting spreads, quilts and other articles they had made by hand. The displays illustrated the uses of warmer articles of wear to help conserve energy and that can be made at home. McKoy told the audience that in these times of high energy costs and low family incomes, conservation is extremely important. The workshop was held in conjunction with the county observance of National Consumer Education Week, proclaimed by President Carter. [Staff photo by Bill Lindau.]

On Tract Where Food Town Scheduled

More Store Buildings Planned For Site

Buildings for up to seven stores will be added to the U.S. 401 bypass-Cole Avenue tract where a Food Town supermarket is scheduled to open next year. The development is expected to cost about \$1.4 million.

This was reported last week by Eddens & McTear, Inc., of Columbia, S.C., the construction company for the supermarket.

A spokesman for the South Carolina contractor, Robin Dial, said the buildings will be for a Rite Aid Drug Store and six other businesses but the negotiations are continuing on arranging for the six.

Dial said the six are expected to be businesses owned and operated by local people. He said the openings are expected next summer.

The plans to establish the supermarket were announced in June by the Food Town chain's headquarters in Salisbury. The building will cover 18,000 square feet, will have probably eight checkout counters, and will employ 50 people some parttime, a spokesman said.

The store management will employ as many local people as possible. Dial said the stores will constitute a standard shopping center with a canopy over the sidewalk and in individual front for each business.

The tract for the center covers about eight acres. The construction company, which specializes in building shopping centers, arranges to lease the properties to businesses for long periods. Food Town has a 20-year lease on the land for its new store.

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Governor Notified Mayor City Won

City To Get Excellence Award Oct. 29

Official notice that Raeford has been approved to receive the Community of Excellence Award this year was received last week from Gov. James Hunt by Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. Raeford and other municipalities who have won the honors will be presented the awards the night of October 29 in Raleigh at the Jane S. McKimmon Center during the second annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development. The Community of Excellence program is for communities which have populations of less than 15,000.

Drivers Injured In Truck-Van Crash Here

Both drivers were injured Thursday about 2:25 p.m. on North Main Street between Prospect and Fifth Avenues when a pickup truck was struck in the rear by a northbound van traveling at high speed. Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported.

He said the impact threw the driver of the truck, Mitchell Trent Simmons, 31, of Rt. 7, Asheville, to the street and turned the vehicle over, pinning Simmons' legs under it, and overturned the van, driven by Jack Clifton Sanderson, 53, of Rt. 1, Red Springs, five to seven times. Sanderson was still in the vehicle when it came to rest, 225 feet from the point of impact, Wiggins said. He said the collision ran the truck 107 feet from the scene of the accident.

Wiggins said a city back hoe was used to raise the truck to free Simmons, and this took "quite a while." He said Simmons suffered injuries to his legs and a shoulder and possibly to his back. Sanderson, one of whose feet was in a cast at the time of the accident, suffered a head laceration and a possible injury to an arm. Sanderson had suffered a leg injury in a non-traffic accident, an acquaintance said.

Wiggins said the men were taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. Both were traveling alone when the accident happened, he added.

forward to seeing you and other citizens of your community at the Conference and Awards Banquet." Cohick's letter gives these other details of the conference and banquet.

The keynote speaker will be Edson D. de Castro, president of Data General Corp.

The governor will hold a reception and banquet. At the banquet, the governor will recognize each Community of Excellence and personally present to the mayor or a representative of the com-

The accident also left both vehicles total losses and caused about \$1,000 damage to a fire hydrant, a side walk and a brick wall, the latter at the home of Mrs. Walter Baker of 516 N. Main Street, he said. Simmons was driving a 1974 Chevrolet, and Sanderson a 1981 Chevrolet van, which he had reportedly bought recently.

Wiggins said Police Sgt. Earl Tindall and Patrolman Jack Martino, while in their cruiser on Main Street, saw the van traveling on Main at high speed and were starting to pursue it when they saw the van hit the truck in the single north-bound lane. Martino and Tindall investigated the accident.



The Midget football players and cheerleaders lead the way.

Parade Had Music, Floats, Beauty

(Staff photos by Pam Frederick and Bill Lindau)

Several thousand men, women, and children lined Raeford's Main Street in mild sunny weather late Friday afternoon to see Hoke County High School's 1980 Homecoming Parade.

These pictures were taken of some of the floats and people in the procession.

The girl waving from the top of the car is Hoke High's 1979 Homecoming Queen Leslie Madden.

Another photo shows the Hoke High band "escorted" by two bicycle-riding clowns.

The floats and their messages express Hoke students' hopes of what the Bucks will do to Lumberton in the Homecoming game that night in Hoke High Stadium.

Another picture shows the Hoke varsity cheerleaders clapping and chanting through one of their routines.

Adding to the beauty of the parade were the candidates for the crown of 1980 Homecoming Queen, Miss Football of 1980, Little Miss Football, the Juniorettes, and Miss Pre-Teen.

\$720,000 City Grant Okayed

The U.S. Economic Development Administration Tuesday approved a \$720,000 grant to the City of Raeford to help pay for planned improvements to the city's waste-water treatment system.

This was reported Tuesday afternoon by the office of U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan, D-N.C.

The total is the entire amount the city administration applied for last winter and will pay 80 percent of the total estimated cost. The city administration has budgeted \$25,000 of the remaining \$180,000 this fiscal year in the capital reserve, will sell through the U.S. Farmers Home Administration municipal bonds to obtain \$65,000, and will apply to the state for \$90,000 in Clean Water Bonds funds.

Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., said Tuesday in reference to the waste-water system improvements that the work will bring the city into compliance with state and federal Environmental Protection Agency requirements for the system. He added that Burlington Industries, Faberge, and House of Raeford are in the process of bringing their waste disposal into compliance also.

He also said the city treatment plant actually is supporting close to 3,000 people employed in the city at the four major plants, which include Tex-Elastic on Bethel Road.

The Raeford City Council at a meeting last January adopted a motion to apply for a federal grant to help pay for the improvements.

At the same time the council also decided to provide the city's three major industries with the information and recommendations contained in a report of the findings of a survey of the city's industrial waste, ask the industries what they could do to correct the situations, then set up a schedule for each to bring waste-disposal into compliance with the ordinance on the city sewer system.

community has been approved to receive the Community of Excellence Award this year.

"Your community is to be commended for its willingness in devoting the time and effort required to prepare for economic growth. Let's hope that the partnership between state government and community leaders will result in more and better job opportunities for our people."

I look forward to presenting this award to you and the citizens of Raeford at our Economic Development Conference on October 29, 1980.

Nearly 120 communities have applied for the awards.

The governor said, however, in a State Department of Commerce announcement last week that Raeford is a winner.

"This award doesn't guarantee that a new industry will locate within a community. But we know from experience that meeting the requirements to win the award will give a community an edge when recruiting industry."

He added, "It will be more difficult to recruit an industry to an area that can't get the requirements of the awards program."

To qualify for the award:
1. An economic promotion (See AWARD, page 15)

Raeford Allocated \$43,712.97 For Streets

Raeford has been allocated \$43,712.97 in State Powell Bill funds for fiscal 1981 for local street construction and maintenance.

The allocation is based on the city's population, estimated last year at 3,140, and its 22.86 miles of streets not in the state highway system.

The checks for Raeford and 457 other municipalities in the state were mailed October 1.