

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The thunderstorm Sunday night knocked out the power for approximately an hour. It seems now that we are having these thunderstorms every other day. For a while it wouldn't rain and now that it has started, maybe we will be wanting it to stop before too long.

The temperature dropped Monday and it felt almost like a fall day. The forecast is for perfect weather with temperatures in the 80s for the remainder of the week.

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The following article was submitted to be used in this column and since it has something to do with the recreation program, we will run it.

FUNDRAISING IS A SUCCESS

I would like to extend my congratulations to all the team mothers that worked with me on the Henco fundraising. We did it. With everyone's dedication and hard work we not only made our goal of \$3,000, according to Ann Pate we exceeded it by \$151.08. Good going ladies. The winners of the team cook outs are: T-Ball - Yankees - Open Arms Rest Home - 259 bottles Team Mother: Jane Witherspoon. Little League - Royals - Faberge - 275 bottles Team Mother: Mamie Bundy. Jr. Tar-Heels - Farm Chemical & Raeford Farm Supply - sales of 84 bottles. Team Mother: Marilyn Norris. Shirley Ferguson and Eva Grace were very close behind with 271 and 249 bottles, great job ladies. Other invaluable team mothers to the fundraising were as follows: Carolyn Ashley, Brenda Branch, Norma Carroda, Darlene Clark, Rose Edwards, Chris Hardy, Janice Jackson, Marty Jackson, Vickie Jones, Ann McPhaul, Diane Mercer, Kaye Myers, Dot Mosso, Barbara Odum, Andrea Scarborough, and last but not least a special thanks to Joan Baker for her special help.

I don't wish to minimize the beautiful job done by our children. I would like for each team mother to submit the names of their outstanding sellers, that we might openly recognize a job well done. Again thanks to every one. Beautiful people make a beautiful community. God bless you all.

Cathy Clark
Chair lady

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Be sure to read the article about the Hoke High School football practice game that will take place this week. Information is given about how to get season tickets for the games played by the varsity and Jayvee teams.

The Booster Club will be aiding the teams again this year, and it would help everyone if you would join this organization. It is non-profit and all receipts go to the sports programs at Hoke High and Upchurch.

If you can't find anyone to give your money to, just bring it to the office and we will get it in the right hands.

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I have always tried to publish information in this column about reunions. Everyone that has been to a reunion that yours truly has attended, knows that I have a good time at them.

There is also a sad thing about reunions when you are on the committee making arrangements. The sad thing is sending out letters announcing the event to a member, and receiving an answer back from a relative, informing you that he is dead.

This happened this past week, when the committee for the Battery "F" Reunion received an answer from the daughter-in-law of George Chemiel who served with us during World War II. We were informed, that George had died of a heart attack on July 31 in Pennsylvania.

He had attended the last reunion and had said, if alive would return this year.

The reunion will be held Oct. 2, 3 & 4 at Wrightsville Beach and before all the answers are in, some others may be missing.

I hope to see you there on October 2.

By Commissioners, On Ban Repeal Proposal

Sunday Beer Sales Action Postponed

The Hoke County commissioners Monday night delayed till their September 8 meeting action on a proposal to repeal the county ordinance prohibiting beer and wine sales on Sundays.

The move was a technicality. County Attorney Duncan McFadyen advised the board that under legal procedure a unanimous vote would be necessary at the first meeting on the subject to repeal or reject the repeal proposal, but the matter could be decided at the next meeting by a simple majority. Action would have to be taken within 100 days after the proposal was introduced, he added.

The commissioners during the meeting changed their regular first-Monday meeting date for September to the following day because the first-Monday date is Labor Day, a holiday. The vote on the motion to postpone action on the proposed repeal was 3-2. Commissioners Mabel Riley and Neill McPhatter cast the votes against the motion. Commissioners Danny DeVane, who made the motion, and James Allen Hunt, who seconded it, and John Balfour, chairman of the board of commissioners, voted on it.

Before the motion was introduced, Balfour and DeVane said separately they felt the current beer sales situation in the county was unfair because of the state brown-bagging law.

DeVane said that, unknown to many Hoke County people, beer is sold for off-premises consumption in the county by some stores which have state brown-bagging permits. He said this is unfair to grocery store owners who have permits to

sell beer and unfortified wines except on Sunday.

Seven restaurants in the county have brown-bagging licenses, which permit them to sell beer on any day, including Sundays, but for consumption only outside the businesses. DeVane said, however, that not all seven sell beer on Sundays.

One grocer said people pass his store on Sundays to buy beer at a restaurant a mile or less away because he is not allowed to sell beer on Sundays.

Commissioner Mabel Riley, offering an alternative to repealing the Sunday prohibition, said the commissioners should try again to get the General Assembly to repeal the brown-bagging law in its application to Hoke County.

She said the law is not being enforced either in the state or in the county. She said the law at one point requires that a restaurant must receive at least 51 percent of its income from the sale of food, but this is being violated, and the law is not being enforced.

Mrs. Riley said the county hasn't had an ABC officer in about a year (since her husband, Kermit Riley, retired from the position), though the law requires that every county having at least one ABC store have an ABC law enforcement officer. DeVane said that the county ABC board is to appoint one soon, he understands. Then Mrs. Riley said she has learned that an ABC officer is to start duty but not till January. That will be five more months the county will be without an ABC officer, she pointed out.

Mrs. Riley then made a motion that state and county ABC officers enforce the laws, but the motion died for lack of a second.

After that, DeVane made a motion to have enforcement of the ABC laws looked into by the Hoke sheriff, though not necessarily having the laws enforced by the sheriff department. The motion was adopted.

The ordinance, enacted August 10, 1971, prohibits the sale of beer and wine, or either, from 1 p.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. the following Monday.

A report written for the information of the commissioners August 11 by County Manager James Martin said the county has 75 establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. Of these, 69 are licensed to retail malt beverages (beer and ale) for consumption off their premises, 56 to retail unfortified wine for off-premises consumption, 51 to retain fortified wine for off-premises consumption, and five "small" and two "large" restaurants, one "social establishment" and one "special occasion." Martin notes the latter four he understands are brown-bagging licenses.

SCHOOL FUNDS

The commissioners also voted to postpone action on county board of education requests to allow use of the \$26,500 received from the sale of the former Hoke County High School principal's residence to help pay the cost of repairing the roof of the Eighth Grade building at Upchurch Junior High School; and provide about \$25,000 extra to make up the balance of the county share of a federal energy grant.

The motion to table action till the next commissioners' meeting was made by Mrs. Riley to allow the commissioners time to study the

school budget adopted August 4 by the board of education. Balfour said the 1981-82 budget adopted was a revision of the proposed school budget for current expenses requested of the commissioners by the school board earlier this summer. The school system administration revised the budget to reduce the requests to the maximum the commissioners had provided in the county budget for 1981-82.

Balfour said figures in the proposed budget presented the commissioners earlier differed from those of the adopted revised budget published in *The News-Journal*.

Specifically, the request regarding the house-sale fund was to place it in the school system capital-outlay budget, which pays for new construction and equipment.

Don Steed, county schools business manager, explained to the commissioners that the extra money for matching the federal share of the energy grant was needed because of the change in the federal formula. When the county would have provided 10 percent and the federal government 90 percent, the school board would have provided \$19,531. The original grant was \$195,310. After the state and federal reviews, he said in written statement, the amount "tentatively" approved was \$89,062, and the ratio of sharing was changed to an even split. The county consequently will have to put up \$44,531.

John McNeill of Raeford, an executive of Energy Engineering Associates of Fayetteville, said in replying to questions put by commissioners the savings in energy spending by the schools would pay for the entire grant in, roughly, six

years; that the county school board's share would be paid for by the energy savings in about three years.

Steed said the grant money would be used to pay for improvements to make more energy efficient the Upchurch auditorium (separate from the roofing work on the Eighth Grade building), for \$2,500 of total; McLaughlin classrooms and cafeteria \$42,326; West Hoke kindergarten building \$2,590; West Hoke Media Center \$2,042; and West Hoke classroom building \$39,604.

Steed, answering Commissioner Riley's question about the Upchurch Eighth Grade building roofing, said that it had been hoped to get grant money for the work but if it weren't the money would come from the house sale fund and school system maintenance funds. He also said, answering another question put by Mrs. Riley, that the house was sold before the contract was let for the roofing repairs.

The Eighth Grade building work is not included in the projects which will be financed by the grant and the county share.

Mrs. Riley was questioning whether the Eighth Grade roofing work was included in the budget funds before the contract was let.

HOUSING

The commissioners, with DeVane abstaining, adopted, a motion to ask North Carolina's senators, Congressmen Charles Rose and William C. Hefner and other concerned state and federal officials to get funds channeled for individual homes. DeVane abstained because of a possible conflict of interest; he pointed out he is in the real estate business.

Before the motion was adopted, however, DeVane said that millions in U.S. Farmers Home Administration low-interest, long-term loans are provided for construction of apartments for low-income people, but nothing is available for people who want to have their own homes but can't afford to buy them because of the high interest rates charged by private financial institutions.

COMPACTOR

The commissioners adopted a motion to accept the \$149,789 alternate bid of E.F. Craven Co. of Greensboro to supply a compactor for the Raeford-Hoke County landfill. The motion adopted a recommendation made to the commissioners to accept the alternate proposal, which includes an \$8,800 trade-in allowance on the city-county dragline.

The county will pay 75 percent and the city the remainder of the cost of the compactor.

Without the dragline trade-in, the cost of the compactor would have been \$158,589.

RESIGNATION, APPOINTMENTS

The commissioners accepted with regret the resignation of Bill Northern as assistant agent for the Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service. Northern, appointed effective March 1, wrote he was leaving September 17 for "personal reasons." Balfour said in reply to a question that Northern was not being transferred to another Extension Service position -- the Extension Service wouldn't allow that in the short time Northern has been on the Hoke job -- but is going into other business.

The commissioners appointed the following to the Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission: John K. McNeill II, Linwood Huffman (reappointed), James Cunningham and Walter Blue, all to terms extending to August 31, 1984, and Shirley Gibson, to a term running to August 30, 1982. McNeill was named to replace W.K. Morgan, Cunningham to replace Harold Brewer, and Blue in the place of Robert Doby. The terms of the replaced members will expire August 31. Mrs. Gibson was named to serve the unexpired portion of the term of Robert Taylor, who has resigned.

The commissioners also reappointed to six-year terms Marie C. Brown and Robert L. Gibson on the Hoke County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. Their present terms expire Thursday.

Hoke 1980-81 Liquor Sales Down

Hoke County liquor sales and, consequently, gross profits declined in the 1980-81 fiscal year from the previous year, financial statements of the county ABC Board show.

The statements, for the two years ending last June 30, were prepared by Pittard & Perry, Certified Public Accountants, of Raeford, from examinations of the board's balance sheets.

The statements show liquor sales in the past fiscal year totaled \$606,103.25, compared with \$627,556.25 the year before.

Gross profits on the sales totaled \$244,481.96 the past fiscal year, and \$253,083.61. The figures were derived by subtracting the cost of the sales from the sales totals. The sales cost were \$361,621.29 in 1980-81, and \$374,472.64 in the previous year.

Net income for 1980-81 was \$48,296, compared with \$55,880.89.

These figures were balances left after deductions were made from the gross profits. Operating expenses for the past year totaled \$180,468.28; and for 1979-80, the total was \$178,843.03.

The past year \$9,287.69 was allocated to law enforcement, and \$4,334.26 to the Education and Research Fund. In 1979-80, the respective totals were \$10,746.32 and \$5,014.95.

The total operating expenses included \$107,212.69 for the state beverage tax, the past year compared with \$110,914.89.

The tax for alcoholic rehabilitation totaled \$5,700.50 of the operating expenses in 1980-81, and \$6,439.40 the previous year.

Store salaries the past year totaled \$44,243.12 of the operating expenses, and in 1979-80, the total for salaries was \$39,429.53. Administrative salaries remained the same the past year as they were the previous year -- \$2,400.

Heat, lights and water bills were \$120.31 higher the past year, totaling \$1,735.89, than the year before.

Store supplies and expenses also were up in 1980-81 over the previous year -- \$1,852.17 to \$1,477.39.

Last year's distributions to Hoke County totaled \$50,994.10. The 1979-80 total was \$53,621.55.

Hoke Man Wounded By Rifle Fire

A 27-year-old Hoke County man was wounded by rifle fire about 1 a.m. Thursday and was under treatment at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Sheriff David Barrington reported.

The victim was identified as Jerry Scott of Rt. 1, Shannon.

The sheriff said no charge had been filed yet as officers were waiting to get a statement from Scott about the shooting. He said Scott's condition had prevented officers from questioning him.

No charge had been filed pending results of the continuing investigation. Barrington said.

Sgt. J.W. Wood of the Sheriff's Department quoted Evelyn Mull as saying to him when he got out of his cruiser at Mrs. Mull's home. "Help him, I shot Jerry." This was after he came to the house, on Rt. 2, Raeford. She said Scott had beaten her and that "Scott was trying to break into her home to beat her again when she fired at least six times at "noises" but she was quoted as saying, she was not trying

to kill him.

The officer said Mrs. Mull told him that after firing she thought he had entered the house, so she ran outside, and saw him running behind her. She shot at him again, she said, and when she got to the woods she heard him call for help, so she drove to Deputy Sheriff A.R. Odum's house to call the Sheriff's Department, then returned to her house.

Wood reported Mrs. Mull was bruised on her face, arms, neck, and back, so he took her to a physician's assistant's office, where she was treated.

Wood's report says a .22 caliber rifle was used in the shooting.

Scott suffered wounds in an arm, leg and side, the report says. Wood reported that after Mrs. Mull told him she had shot Scott, he saw Scott lying on the ground at a corner of Mrs. Mull's home. After Scott was taken to the hospital, Mrs. Mull again expressed worry about Scott's condition, the officer said.

Baptist Church Homecoming Set

Homecoming will be held at First Baptist Church of Raeford September 13.

The service will be held in the sanctuary starting at 10:45 a.m. with a former pastor, the Rev. Judson Lennon, a missionary to Thailand, guest speaker.

Dinner will be held on the grounds, followed by music and hymn-singing in the sanctuary.

Lennon served as pastor here from 1949 to 1953. The Sunday School Annex, education building, is the Lennon Building, named in honor of Lennon and his wife, Harriet.

He is on leave from Thailand, and they are living in Charlotte now.

The church is celebrating its 82nd year this year.

All former members are invited to the reunion, and are asked to notify the church, friends or relatives of their intentions.

Certain former members will be invited to participate in the program.



JAMBOREE AWARD -- Donald Cameron of Raeford Boy Scout Troop 404 is showing his photograph which won second place in the National Scout Jamboree Arts and Science Fair, the red-ribbon awarded for being the runnerup, and the book "Baden-Powell," autographed for him at the Jamboree by the author, William Hillcourt. It's a biography of the English nobleman who founded the Boy Scout movement. Cameron was one of the six Raeford Troop 404 Scouts who attended the Jamboree, held July 27-August 5, at Ft. A.P. Hill, Va.