

Investigation Started At School Year Opening

Eight Hoke High Students Charged In Drug Investigations

Around Town

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The weather has seemed almost like Spring for the past week. The nights have been cool, but the days are warm. A little rain has been mixed in with the sunshine and the water table should be at the highest level for a couple of years.

I have noticed recently that when it does rain you can see water standing in fields and in holes around the county. This was not the case a few weeks ago. This is not only in Hoke County, but in many of the eastern counties.

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

The date for the Democratic primary is still up in the air, but you can tell it is political season because some people you haven't seen in either two or four years, according to when they have to run, are now coming by and speaking.

Be nice to these folks because they haven't needed you since the last election. If they are elected again they will become strangers until the next election. This isn't something new, it has always been the way of politicians.

To tell the truth most of us had rather they stay away for the two or four years and not bother us at our work.

One or two more things of interest that came out at the highway meeting I attended several weeks ago are as follows. The county has 54 miles of primary roads, 327 miles of secondary roads and 37.8 miles of unpaved roads.

This gives about 23 miles per man that is on the county highway force. The highway also uses inmates from the prison division at Wagram and McCain to help with the highway work. The group from Wagram is a 16-man crew and works under the gun and costs the highway department \$16 per man. The crew from McCain is composed of 10 men and doesn't work under the gun.

Many pieces of equipment are sent from other districts into this district if the work load calls for their help.

All of these things have been covered by the money shortage in the Dept. of Transportation. I still think the local crew does a good job for Hoke County.

I don't know if the sign has changed at The Bank of Raeford, but it should in a few days. Most people hate to see the old signs come down, but in the long run it could be to the best interest of all business people in the county. It seems that everything is pointed toward bigness and the smaller thrift institutions are having a hard time making ends meet with the high cost of money.

Only time will tell how the mergers will affect the local institutions.

It seems in this day and time that most people think that if they want to do anything, all they should do is have the law changed to suit their style. I know you are thinking, what is the writer going on about now.

A few weeks ago some retired gentlemen were arrested and fined in Florida for playing poker. Most of us said or thought this was a shame. They were not hurting anyone or their families with this small game.

Sunday night on a television program a group of people who had been caught and charged with welfare fraud were upset because they were charged. The defense for their crime was that others were taking larger amounts and they should be punished rather than the small folks.

Now you know when you get down to the reasoning behind both of these cases, these people have forgotten the moral laws and it

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Distribution Of Federal Cheese

Distribution of 8,010 pounds of cheese given to Hoke County by the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be made Thursday and Friday at the National Guard Armory, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This was announced last week by Ken Witherspoon, director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services, after the cheese arrived at the Armory by truck from the federal warehouse at Butler in 267 cases.

He said the Armory will be the only distribution site in Hoke County for the cheese.

Families who have been approved to get the cheese must bring their authorization form with them to pick it up, he added. A family of one to three persons will receive five pounds; four to six persons, 10 pounds; seven to eight, 15 pounds; and nine and more, 20 pounds.

People eligible to receive cheese are those now receiving food stamps and others who meet the federal non-farm poverty guidelines on low income. People can still sign up to get cheese. The Hoke County Social Services Department started signups February 1.



SAY 'CHEESE' -- Boxes of cheese from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are shown being unloaded at the National Guard Armory Thursday morning for subsequent distribution to low-income Hoke County people. Ken Witherspoon (right), director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services, and National Guardsmen Bill Smith (left) and F.C. Brown are shown in the picture. [Staff photo].

Eight Hoke County High School students were arrested Tuesday morning and charged with drug violations, some with selling counterfeit drugs. Hoke County Sheriff's Department reported. The alleged drugs involved included marijuana and in one case valium, and counterfeit drugs on two cases.

The cash involved in sales in which payments were identified in bills of indictment amounted to \$1, \$2 and \$5 each, the records show.

Sheriff Dave Barrington said the arrests resulted from undercover investigations that started at the beginning of the 1982 fall term of school.

He said his department, the Raeford Police Department, the State Bureau of Investigation, the 12th Judicial District attorney's office, and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department cooperated in the investigation.

Seven of the students were arrested at school between 9 and 9:30 by officers bearing arrest orders issued Tuesday after a Hoke County grand jury returned the true bills of indictment against the suspects.

The felony charges were possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell and deliver, and sale and delivery. The students were placed under unsecured bonds of \$1,000 each, one of them on four charges, and placed in custody of parents or guardians. They are to appear in Hoke County Superior Court for trial in the March 15 term.

Those charged also with misdemeanor offenses are scheduled for trial in District Court in March. The students charged and the charges:

James A. Watson, 17, Box 90-C, Raeford, possession with intent to sell and deliver a counterfeit controlled substance, and sale and delivery of a counterfeit controlled substance November 23 to Hoke County Special Deputy T.A. Williams.

Ricky Gates, 18, of 505 Saunders St., Raeford, possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia (a package of rolling papers), possession of marijuana, and possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, and sale and delivery for \$5 to Williams September 14; and carrying a concealed weapon (a hawk-bill pocket knife); charges of possession of paraphernalia, carrying a concealed weapon, and misdemeanor possession of marijuana, trial set for March 12 in District Court on three charges.

Calvin Dickson, Rt. 1, Box 258-F, Lumber Bridge, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, and sale and delivery to Williams for \$1.

Aaron Lide, Rt. 3, Box 163-A, possession with intent to sell and deliver, and sale and delivery to Williams November 18.

Dwight Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 255, Lumber Bridge, three counts of possession with intent to sell and sale and delivery of marijuana to Williams -- for \$2 on each occasion September 15 and 24, and November 5.

Maurice Davis, 16, Rt. 1, Box 141-A, Lumber Bridge, possession with intent to sell marijuana, and sale and delivery to Williams for \$1 November 12 and November 23.

Robin Byrd, 18, P.O. Box 754, N.C. 211, Raeford, possession of Diazepam (valium) with intent to sell or deliver, and sale and delivery (originally charged with possession with intent to sell or deliver counterfeit, and sale and delivery; the substitute charge regarding Diazepam was issued Tuesday), and communicating a threat against an officer.

James Thomas, 17, Rt. 4, Box 495, Raeford, possession of counterfeit controlled substance with intent to sell or deliver, and sale and delivery.

The sheriff said two undercover agents worked in the investigation registered as Hoke High students, one for a month at the start of the fall term, and the other the rest of the fall term.

Clarence Kinlaw Named Man Of Year

Clarence Paul Kinlaw was announced Thursday night as the Raeford Kiwanis Club's Man of the Year for 1981.

The announcement was made and the award presented at the club's annual ladies' night dinner.

Kinlaw, a resident of Raeford since 1939, served on the town board for a number of years, including four years as mayor pro tem. He also has served as Civil Defense assistant director and has been a Mason since 1942 and a Kiwanian for many years also. He served as master of the Masons in 1949.

Kinlaw is owner and operator of C.P. Kinlaw Jewelry Store in downtown Raeford and also is the current chairman of the local Southern National Bank board. Since moving to Raeford has been active in First Baptist Church and is a lifetime deacon of the church, has served as a teacher of many of its Sunday school classes and as a trustee of the church for many

years, and on church committees, including the Finance, Nominating, Building and Constitution. He also has worked with the Church RAs. Through his business he also has been a member of the Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce and the Raeford and North Carolina Merchants Associations.

Kinlaw was born in a small Robeson County farming community near Lumberton, one of seven children in his family. He helped his father with the farm work and with carpentry to supplement the family income.

At an early age he became interested in what was to become his lifetime profession.

In early manhood also he drove a school bus and cut hair to earn spending money to buy a motorcycle, and motorcycle-riding is still his hobby.

After moving to Raeford, Kinlaw went to work in the same building he currently owns and operates.

While serving in the Navy in

World War II, his first wife, his high school sweetheart whom he married in 1938, managed to keep the business going.

She was the former Clara Belle Stroud. She died in 1968, leaving her husband and their two children, daughters Betty and Peggy. Their daughters subsequently married ministers, and both husbands became professors -- Betty's is Dr. Paul Simmons, associated with Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and Peggy's is George Lewis, on the staff of Sandhills Community College near Southern Pines.

Six years after his first wife died, Kinlaw married Mrs. Dorothy Stephenson Watson and thereby also gained a stepdaughter, Barbara Watson Rozier and her family. Morris Rozier is associated with Burlington Industries. Mr. and Mrs. Kinlaw have six grandchildren -- three in Louisville, two in Southern Pines, and the other in Raeford.



C.P. Kinlaw

In Moore, Hoke Counties

SCC Program Aims To Help Dropouts

Over 440 youngsters dropped out of high schools in Moore and Hoke counties during the 1980 school year, according to published dropout statistics.

The annual high school dropout rate for Moore County was 8.1%. The annual high school dropout rate for Hoke County was 10.8% except for extended day high school which had a dropout rate of 61.3%.

Officials at Sandhills Community College think that many of these dropouts can be helped by the college if they are made aware of programs at the college. In the past, many of these dropouts have been lost both to high schools and community colleges when they dropped out of school.

Sandhills Community College has begun a new project to contact all high school dropouts for the past two years in Moore and Hoke counties. Sandhills Community College will serve any and all of these dropouts who choose to attend the college.

Programs for dropouts such as those directed toward high school completion, learning how to get and keep jobs, and vocational skills training will be explained to dropouts. Officials at Sandhills believe many dropouts may have been helped already by community college programs, but they are not sure how many.

The local project is part of the National Model Dropout Information and Service Project which is operating on a pilot basis at nine community colleges, technical col-

leges, and technical institutes in North Carolina. The National Model Dropout Information and Service Project has been funded by the Governor under a Special Grant recommended by the North Carolina Employment and Training Council.

Sandhills Community College officials expect to complete lists of dropouts from information made available by Moore and Hoke County schools. They expect to begin contacting the dropouts immediately. Staff members at Sandhills credit secondary school officials and counselors with much of the college's success in serving dropouts in the past and they point out that there has been a long-term

decline in the dropout rate for local high schools.

Anyone who is a dropout in Hoke County is encouraged to contact Carrie Carter at 875-8589 at the Sandhills Learning Center in Raeford for information on how he or she can be helped by Sandhills Community College. Anyone who is a dropout in Moore County is encouraged to call Dean Harlan McCaskill at 692-6185 at Sandhills Community College for information on how he or she can be helped by Sandhills Community College.

While lists of high school graduates have been available for years to many community colleges, technical colleges, and technical institutes, lists of dropouts have not been available until the advent of

Fowler Re-elected To Highland Plains Post

Dr. Charles M. Speegle of Fayetteville was re-elected chairman. Earl Fowler of Raeford was re-elected vice chairman, and Tom Cornwell of Clinton was re-elected secretary-treasurer for 1982 of the Highland Plains Marketing Association Advisory Board at a board meeting Thursday in Fayetteville.

The six-county metro marketing association develops marketing aids and promotional material, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, for

use by the economic developers of the Department of Commerce and of the counties comprising the metro area -- Cumberland, Bladen, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland counties.

A metro profile of the area has already been produced and is now in use.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is developing a 32-page atlas of the area which will be ready for distribution this summer, and the association is also working on an audio-visual slide presentation to be used by the developers.

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World Day Of Prayer March 5

World Day of Prayer, an international celebration sponsored in the United States by Church Women United, will be held March 5 at Raeford United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall, using the rear entrance to the building, at 7:30 p.m.

This annual service unites millions of people in prayer services occurring on six continents during a 24-hour period.

This year's theme is "The People of God: Gathered for Worship, Scattered for Service." The text was prepared by women of the Republic of Ireland and of Northern Ireland. They worked ecumenically at a Christian renewal center near the border of the two Irish states.

World day of Prayer provides women in the United States with an occasion to participate in a nationwide offering which goes into Inter-continental Grants, the process by which Church Women United carries out its stewardship through grants to a wide variety of programs.

The program is being presented this year by the women of the Raeford Presbyterian Church.