

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The weather for the weekend was perfect. I was on the golf course along with many others and it was ideal weather. Someone told me Monday afternoon that I was sunburned in the face and since that time, I have felt a sting in the face and it must be from the sun.

The forecast called for near freezing weather Monday night and for the temperature to be in the 60s for the remainder of the week.

We are sure that most people in Hoke County have registered for the upcoming primary and we know that most of our readers are tired of reading about the subject. The reason this is being mentioned this week is that Monday afternoon while talking with three people, one of them stated that he had been meaning to register, but hadn't gotten around to it at this time. One of the members of the group I was in said that we will go by the election office now and get you registered.

Yes, this is something that is so easy to put on the back burner for a few days. The thing about it is that you leave it there sometimes after the books are closed.

So if you haven't registered, go by the election office in the old County office building on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and get your name on the books.

After that, the most important thing is to VOTE.

Last week we stated that if it could be worked out, that Congressman Bill Hefner our 8th district congressman, would be at the Hoke County Democratic Convention. This has been done and he will be here for the convention.

The convention will be held at the courthouse on Saturday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. (I believe this is correct, but maybe you should be there by one o'clock.) The complete details of the convention will be in next week's paper in a regular news article. Chairman Harold Gillis will then give complete details.

The weekend will again have basketball on the television screen. The NCAA tournament will be played in New Orleans, of course as you all know, Carolina will be in the final four.

I heard Monday night that it was almost impossible to get a hotel reservation in New Orleans for the weekend. There should be tickets available as the Super Dome will seat about 55,000 for basketball. I haven't heard of anyone going from Raeford, but I do know that some people have tickets.

Last Sunday the Regional finals of the NCAA basketball tournament were played in Raleigh with Carolina one of the teams. The game was to start at 12 o'clock noon. I was in church and was listening to Dr. John Ropp preach. His sermon topic for the day was "Kindness." Now this was a good subject and was holding my attention very well.

Then Dr. Ropp made a statement that made me think his subject wasn't exactly correct. He was on radio and stated something like "Will the management at the radio station become aware that we will run past 12 o'clock today." Now this was not what some basketball fans considered as "Kindness".

The Hoke County Blazers, the new semi-pro baseball team will open its season here on Saturday, April 3 at the Hoke High baseball park. The game will begin at 4 p.m.

So go out and support our first team in many years.

David Smith of the Hoke Athletic Booster Club called Monday and wanted us to remind all golfers of the Booster Club Golf Tournament that is being held Saturday and Sunday, March 27th and 28th

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## On Raeford-Hoke Village Shopping Center

# Construction To Start Within 30 Days

## Dr. Robert Murray Dies; Ex-Raeford Physician

Dr. Robert Leiby Murray, who practiced medicine in Raeford for about 40 years till he retired in 1965, died Saturday at 10:45 p.m. in the Skilled Nursing Division of Memorial Hospital of Alamance County after an illness of five months. He was 85.

He was a veteran of World War I service in France with the 81st (Wildcat) Infantry Division. His home was 1701 Cooper Rd., Graham, at the time of his death.

Dr. Murray is survived by his wife, Mrs. Madge Pritchett Murray of the home; his son, Dr. Robert Louis Murray of Roanoke, Va.; four grandchildren; and his brother, the Rev. Marion J. Murray of High Point.

The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon in Graham Presbyterian Church by Dr. Donald C. Nance and Dr. Steven Gadaire of Graham Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Graham Memorial Park.

Rich & Thompson Funeral Service of Graham was in charge of the arrangements.

Dr. Murray was born in Summerville, S.C., to the Rev. Ephraim Clark Murray and Lillian Norwood Leiby Murray. He was a member of Graham Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Murray graduated in 1912 from Graham High School, and

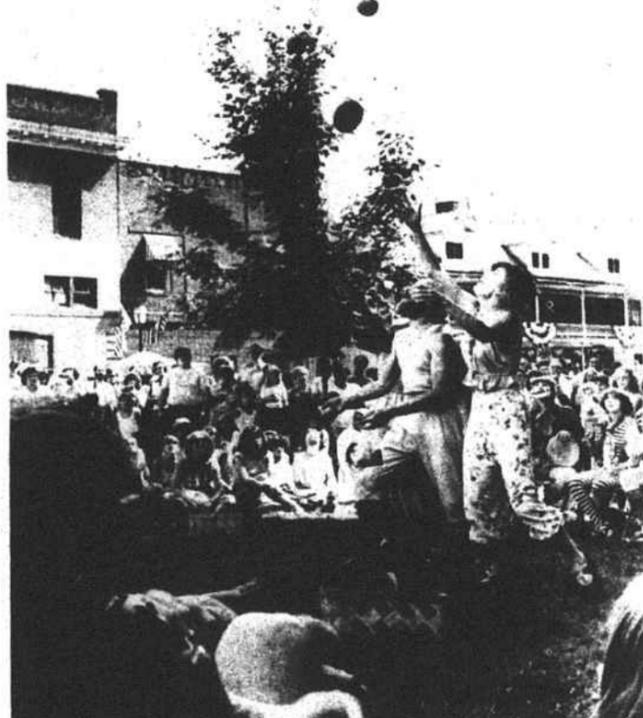
from Davidson College in 1917. After World War I service, he studied at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill 1919-21, then continued his studies at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, graduating from that institution in 1923. At the time, the UNC School of Medicine offered only a two-year course.

Early in his medical career he moved to Raeford. Dr. Murray served as chairman of the Hoke County Chapter, American Red Cross, from 1928 to 1950 and as chairman of the Health and Safety Committee of the Cape Fear Area of the Boy Scouts of America from 1947 to 1965.

For his outstanding service to the Boy Scouts, he was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1954, the highest honor given an adult Scout leader.

Dr. Murray also served as chairman of the Section on General Practice of Medicine and Surgery of the Medical Society of North Carolina 1938-39. He was a member of the American Legion and of the Raeford Kiwanis Club. He served as president of the local Kiwanis Club in 1934.

Dr. Murray also served as ruling elder of Raeford Presbyterian Church, starting in 1925, then as ruling elder in Graham Presbyterian Church.



HERE IN APRIL -- The Road Company of Johnson City, Tenn., will be among those giving public performances during the Hoke County Celebration of the Arts '82 arts and crafts festival April 3-9. The Road Company will perform its "The Flying Lemon Circus" at J.W. Turlington School April 7. The ensemble does educational performances.

Construction of the Raeford-Hoke Village shopping center is scheduled to be started within the next 30 days, a representative of the builder, Edens & McTeer, Inc., of Columbia, S.C., said Friday.

The representative, Wayne Reynolds, E&M's leasing agent, said this in reply to one of the questions asked of him by telephone by a reporter for *The News-Journal*.

The center will be completed about six months after construction is started, Reynolds said. He said that's about the time such work takes.

He said that besides the buildings for three chain-store outlets, areas of 6,000 and 2,400 square feet will be built for locally owned prospective tenants. He said the larger one could be split in half to make room for two tenants.

The chain stores scheduled to open retail outlets when the center buildings are completed are Food Town supermarket, Sky City department store, and Revco Drug, Reynolds said.

The site covers 7.9 acres at U.S. 401 south bypass and West Cole Avenue.

The cost of construction of the center was estimated at \$1.4 million last year.

## Sales Tax

Hoke County collections of the state's 3 per cent sales tax amounted to \$83,765.29 on retail sales of \$3,812,836 in January.

The total for December was \$73,804.29 collected on retail sales of \$3,392,194.

## In Southern Pines March 30-31

# Fayetteville Presbytery Women To Meet

Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines, will be the host church for the 93rd annual Meeting of the Women of Fayetteville Presbytery on Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday, March 31.

Mrs. John Balfour, Presbyterial president, will preside. Mrs. Joseph Marley of Southern Pines is the general chairman.

The theme of the meeting is "Called by Grace to a Life of Love." The principle speaker will be Dr. David H. Burr, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem.

Newly elected officers will be installed during the Wednesday morning session by Mrs. Peter McK. Cromartie, former presbyterial president and chairman of Synod's Ministry Group on Women. Mrs. B.E. Huffines of Wilmington, director of the 1982 N.C. Synod Women's Conference at Montreat, will be a special guest attending the sessions.

The council will meet for its annual meeting on March 30 at 3:45 p.m. to be followed by dinner at 6 p.m. served by the members of the host church.

Registration for the Tuesday

evening meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. and the Call for Order will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The Wednesday morning session will begin with registration at 9 with the Call for Order at 10.

Luncheon will follow the Wednesday morning meeting and will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the luncheon will be \$3 and must be purchased at the time of registration.

All Church Women of the Fayetteville Presbytery are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting.

## Economy Food Damaged

Economy Food Center on N.C. 211 just west of the Raeford city limits was damaged by fire and smoke late on the night of March 16.

North Raeford Fire Chief Johnny Baker's report says the cause of the fire was not determined yet.

The fire itself was confined to the stock room at the rear of the building but smoke caused damage throughout the store. All the goods in the stock room were destroyed, and steel girders under the roof at the rear were buckled by the heat.

Steve Hedgpeth, the owner of the store, was quoted as saying he intended to reopen as soon as the time it took to make the repairs permitted.

Fourteen fireman of the North Raeford Volunteer Fire Department responded to the alarm, which was received at about 10:50 p.m. The Raeford Fire Department assisted, and the Hoke County Ambulance Service dispatched an ambulance to stand by to give help in event of injury to firefighters.

Firemen stayed at the scene till 2:15 a.m. March 17 till they were

certain the fire would not break out again.

## United Fund Helps Hoke Disabled

The Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled is a private, non-profit agency in Hoke County that receives financial assistance from the United Fund.

The Hoke County United Fund has supported this Association for several years.

The association has two components: The Hoke County Children's Center, which is a developmental day center that provides training and education for developmentally disabled children. The children's disabilities include mental retardation, blindness, cerebral palsy, autism, speech and language delays, etc. The Center works on skills such as socialization, cognitive development, dressing, feeding and toileting skills and daily physical and speech therapy. The program is five days a week and does not close during the summer months. Free meals and transportation are also provided for the parents along with "parent-training" to enable the families to work effectively with their children.

The Association also sponsors transportation for handicapped adults or adults that are not able to function at this point in the normal job market. The transportation



DONATION -- Burlington makes a contribution to local Heart Fund. Ashwell Harward is shown presenting a check to Mrs. John K. McNeill III, Heart Fund representative for Hoke County.

## Martin Says Error No Reflection On Pierce

Hoke County Manager James Martin said Thursday the county's reimbursing the state \$11,723 in federal CETA funds "in no way" is a reflection on the employee involved, Grace Pierce.

He said the state attorney general's office disallowed that amount of the funds spent between October 1, 1977, and September 30, 1979, as salary for Pierce.

Martin said this resulted from a county administrative error.

The salary item was part of a total \$19,950 the state attorney general's office disallowed altogether. The rest of the funds had no

connection with Pierce's employment.

The error arose when Pierce was shifted from employment in Title II to employment in Title VI. Martin said the shift was made possibly without her knowledge. He said the error was in the determination of eligibility to transfer her.

Martin said during the discussion of the matter at the county commissioners' mid-month meeting March 15 that Pierce was eligible when she originally was employed in 1976 as a Title II worker. He said she was transferred in 1977 to Title VI and added to the county payroll October 1, 1979.

## Bailey Promoted

John W. Bailey of Rt. 2, Box 251, Raeford, was promoted March 1 to sergeant major at Ft. Bragg, the highest rank an enlisted person can be awarded in the Army. He is a combat veteran of the Vietnam war, serving from June 1967 to June 1968.

Bailey is serving with Headquarters, 1st Field Artillery.

His wife, Betsy, teaches at Upchurch Junior High School. They have four children: Debra, Beverly, Ronald and Mary.

Bailey during his service has been awarded two Bronze Stars and two MSMS. He is a qualified paratrooper with the grade of Master Parachutist.

Bailey started his Army service (See PKOMOTED, page 15)



John W. Bailey