

Performing, Other Arts, and Crafts On Program

Hoke Arts Festival To Open Saturday

Around Town

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Did the Easter cold snap come two weeks early? The old saying is that it is always cold around Easter. The past weekend was cold. From all reports the peach crop in the Sandhills was destroyed on Saturday night. The report from the mountains was that the apple crop was hurt too.

I happened to be at the beach over the weekend and the wind on Saturday and Sunday was not for sunbathing. Of course this didn't stop a few of the brave souls. On Saturday afternoon one brave girl was swimming in the pool.

The forecast is for the temperature to get into the 70s by Wednesday. I haven't heard of any rainfall and it seems that most folks are now planting their gardens.

Don't forget the Democratic Convention at the Courthouse Saturday afternoon. It should get started a little after one o'clock and it will be a good time to meet Congressman Bill Hefner.

The primary date hasn't been set as this is being written and it now seems it will be into summer before the date is set.

The election officials in Washington still must approve the last plan submitted by the legislature and then we will not be sure whether court action will be taken or not.

It will take about 30 days after all this before the ballots can be printed and the primary held. In fact some candidates don't know at this time who will be voting for them.

All I can say is "that it is a mess!"

Several weeks ago I ran some figures in this column about the number of people registered in Hoke County. The figures were as of March 10, 1982.

On March 10 the total number registered in Hoke County was 7147. Of this total 6695 were Democrats, 388 were Republicans and 64 were not affiliated with either party.

New figures were released on March 27 and they are as follows. The total registration is now 7471. This includes Democrats, 7011, Republicans, 397; and Unaffiliated, 63. Of this number 3492 were males and 3979 were females.

So since March 10th there have been 324 people to register in Hoke County. The figures show that 316 registered Democrats; nine registered Republican and one transferred to another party from the unaffiliated.

The books are still open and will be until 30 days before the primary. If you haven't registered, be sure to do so immediately. The election office is in the old county office building across from the Post Office. The office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

It seemed for awhile Monday night that the skies would not be blue in North Carolina this week, but the Tar Heels finally came through with a one-point victory.

Maybe the time clock would have made the score higher, but I don't believe you could have asked for a more exciting game. The streets are painted blue today in Chapel Hill.

I think that most people wanted to see Dean Smith win the first NCAA championship. It has been a long time in coming, but he looked very happy on TV Monday night.

Maybe the jinx on the cover of a certain magazine is over and the No-1 ranking doesn't defeat you any more.

Some can say, "Wait until next year!"



FOSTER FAMILY -- The Foster Family String Band of Alabama will entertain Hoke Arts Festival visitors. They play swing, traditional bluegrass, and old-time material.

The weeklong Celebration of the Arts '82 Hoke County Arts Festival will be launched at 10 a.m. Saturday with a parade through downtown Raeford.



PERFORMING HERE -- Winston-Salem born actress Paula Larke is among the visiting artists who will perform at the Hoke County Arts and Crafts Festival. She has sung, danced, and acted in "Hair," "Two Gentlemen of Verona," "Agamemnon," and, most recently, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow is Enuf." She also has produced, directed and performed her own musical acts and cabaret readings in concerts across the U.S.

This will be followed by an outdoor barbecue at 11 a.m. at Edenborough Shopping Center, a benefit for Historical Flora Macdonald Academy.

A country dance festival will follow at 2 p.m. at the McLaughlin Park tennis courts. The performers will be the Down Home Cloggers of Laurinburg, who include some Hoke County people, and are the host group; Apple Chill Cloggers of

Chapel Hill, Sandhill Grass bluegrass band of Aberdeen, Lauchlin Shaw, who was named champion senior fiddler at the Fiddlers Grove Convention, and the Cabin Creek Boys Old Time String Band of Montgomery County.

If it rains, the dance festival will be held in the J.W. Turlington School auditorium.

An extra attraction on the Festival program is the opening baseball game of the first season of the semipro Hoke County Blazers at Hoke High Stadium.

A Community Choral Sing will be held Saturday night, starting at 7, in the J.W. Turlington School auditorium. It will be a benefit for the multihandicapped students in the Hoke County schools.

On Sunday after morning worship services, a Community Arts and Crafts Demonstration and Display will be held in the Turlington gym and on the school grounds, starting at 2 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Hoke County Arts Council.

A Visual Arts Display, poetry reading and a flute performance are scheduled at the school also.

An Outdoor Performing Arts Concert will be held on the Turlington grounds. It is sponsored by the Chaminade Club of Raeford. Other performances are scheduled for Sunday afternoon by the 82nd Airborne Division Concert Band; the Hoke Swingers square-dance group, at 2 and 4:25 p.m.; by the Hoke High School Barbershop Singers; Jack Frazier and the Southern Edition, of Raeford, instrumental band; Lori Locklear and the Countryman singers of Red Springs; the singing group Shine -- Bev Tillman, Becky Tillman and Alice Glisson, all of Raeford; the Upchurch Junior High School Chorus; and the instrumental band Once-In-Awhilers -- William Davis, Joe Dupree, and Bobby McBryde of Raeford, and Frank Baldwin of Fayetteville.

Monday night's program starting at 8, in the Turlington auditorium, will offer a salute to Cole Porter: "Just One of Those Things," by the Sandhills Cabaret Troupe of Southern Pines -- Laura Leigh Wilson, Jack Williams, Ervin Henney, Conny McKoy, and Benny Haywood. The performance is being sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club and Raeford Junior Woman's Club.

On Sunday afternoon and on Monday morning and afternoon, a large variety of arts and crafts and their artists and craftsmen will be on view at Turlington, in the gym and library and on the grounds. Nearly all are Hoke County people and their creations. The subjects include wood-carving, painting, needlecraft, quilting, radio-controlled model planes, fishing lure, crewl, macrame, ice sculpture, face-painting, candle wicking, butter-churning, and balloons. Child safety restraint also will be displayed by Mary Adams of the Hoke County Health Department.

Monday through April 9, displays and activities in arts, performing arts, and crafts will be held at Hoke High School, Upchurch Junior High, and Turlington.

Guest arts and crafts demonstrations and displays, and artists and craftsmen will be at Hoke High Monday, and Turlington Tuesday. Each program will start at 8:30 a.m. The Raeford people participating include Janice Clewis, Beth Collins, George Ashley, Guy Morris, and Glenn Snow. The visiting participants will be coming from as far off as the mountains -- Skyland, five miles southeast of Asheville, and Micaeville, Yancey County, about 45 miles northeast of Asheville.

Arrangements for the shows and performances were made by Festival committees of the schools. The coordinators are: Dr. Lenwood Simpson, principal of Hoke High, and Allen Edwards, principal of Upchurch, for Hoke High and Upchurch; and Emma Mims, Turlington principal, for Turlington.

The school chairmen are Linda Huff, Hoke High, Eloise Carter, Upchurch, and Jane Davis, Turlington. The festival is a cooperative effort of the Hoke County community and the county schools.

The community Festival chairman, from business and community organizations, are: Yvonne Snead, Hoke County Arts Council;

In February, From 13.4% In January

Hoke Unemployment Drops To 11.4%

Hoke County's unemployment rate dropped to 11.4% in February from January's 13.4%. State Employment Security Commission figures show.

In February, 880 of the 7,750 people in the county's labor force were unemployed. In January the unemployed totaled 1,060 of a labor force of 7,900.

Hoke was among the 39 counties in which the rate dropped from the previous month. In 56, the rate rose

in February from January's figures, and in five the rate remained the same as it had been in January.

Swain had the highest in February -- 22.4% -- and was one of the 58 counties which registered double-digit rates.

Orange for the fourth consecutive month was the only county whose rate was as low as 4% or less. Orange's was 3.8 in February, a 10th of a point higher than January's.

The largest increase in unemployment occurred in Vance County which registered an increase of 4.6 percentage points. The largest decrease in unemployment was registered in Montgomery County, down five percentage points.

In six of the state's 10 metropolitan statistical areas (SMSAs), unemployment increased from January to February. The Raleigh-Durham area rose from 4.4 to 4.7%, Asheville from 8.6 to 9.7,

Burlington from 10.1 to 11.2 percent, Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point from 7.3 to 8 percent, Hickory from 8.9 to 9.4, and Wilmington from 10.4 to 10.7 percent.

Unemployment decreased in the Charlotte-Gastonia area from 6.5 to 6.3 percent, Fayetteville from 9 to 8.6 percent, Jacksonville from 7.7 to 7.4, and Salisbury-Concord from 6.5 percent to 6.4 percent.

'82 Proposed Budget \$17,200

Rescue Squad Made 272 Calls Last Year

The following are the highlights of the annual report for January 1-December 31, 1981, of the Hoke County Rescue Squad activities and the proposed budget for 1982.

1982 PROPOSED BUDGET

TOTAL \$17,200
INCOME (Sources):
 County of Hoke -- \$5,000.
 County of Hoke (Revenue Funds) -- 6,000, City of Raeford -- 4,000, Hoke County United Fund -- 1,200, donations -- 1,000.

EXPENSES (TOTAL \$17,200)

Rescue base building (FmHA payment -- 4,258, Building-heat, water, phone, lights, insurance -- 2,500, vehicle insurance -- 1,200, vehicle operational cost -- 3,026, first-aid supplies -- 3,000, emergency repairs -- 2,500, N.C. Association of Rescue Squads membership, death benefit, and members' accident insurance make up the balance.

Line-item totals are subject to change in order to maintain balanced budget.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad has completed, except for partial fencing in left front area, all additions and purchases began this year utilizing a \$60,000, FmHA Community Facilities twenty-five (25) year loan.

Completing of fencing has been delayed due to buried telephone cables, natural gas and water/sewer lines.

1981 Improvements were:
 1. Addition of three rescue vehicle bays with 12-foot remote-controlled doors.
 2. Addition of second bath room with complete bath facilities.
 3. One new medical storage room.

4. Completely paved all outside area for parking and installed 5-foot chain-link fence.

5. Purchased and equipped a 1981 four-wheel-drive suburban for rescue operations.

1982 Planning Stage Improvements are:

1. Purchase second Hurst Rescue Tool "Jaws of Life" Model 32B.
 2. Requested complete funding from Region N, EMS Council, for filter compressor system to refill air tanks for this squad and all city/county fire departments.

3. Modifications of present Model 28 Hurst Rescue Tool; addition of quick-dump valve and protective coil springs on hydraulic hoses.

Present Vehicles include: Rescue 1 -- 1976 Chevrolet one-ton rescue crash truck, Rescue 2 -- 1981 Chevrolet Suburban 3/4 ton light rescue vehicle, Rescue 3 -- 1964 Willis Jeep with 2,400 AC generator and two 500 w. quartz floodlights, Rescue 4 -- 1979 Chevrolet Module Ambulance (EMS grant/leased from county, Rescue 5 -- Chevrolet Van Ambulance (certified under grandfather clause) and 6 -- 14-foot aluminum boat with 10 HP Johnson outboard motor.

Presently the squad has 19 all-volunteer members of whom 12 are EMT-certified. Three new members are currently enrolled in EMT classes. All present EMT personnel will begin Feb. classes to retake state required examination for recertifying their EMT.

These improvements could not have been accomplished to maintain an all volunteer rescue unit of this calibre without the cooperation and support received from the City of Raeford, County of Hoke and the citizens therein.

During last year, the squad made 272 calls, compared with 294 in 1980; transported 28 patients, seven more than in the previous year; administered first aid at the scene in 96 cases (119 in 1980); and members spent a total of 1,100 hours, 18 minutes on calls, compared with 1,036 hours 57 minutes in 1980.

The squad among other activities went to the scenes of three fatal and 99 nonfatal personal-injury traffic accidents, and 72 others involving property damage; nine patients suffering heart failure; 14 house fires; five car fires; made searches for four lost people, and stood by at 23 football games and six special events, in making the 272 calls.

Congressman Hefner To Speak

Hoke Democratic Convention Saturday

Hoke County's Democrats will hold their convention Saturday in the courtroom of the Courthouse starting at 1:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be U.S. Rep. W.G. (Bill) Hefner of Kannapolis, the Eighth District congressman. Hoke County has been moved to the Eighth from the Seventh by the North Carolina General Assembly's redistricting plan.

Officially, Hoke won't become part of the Eighth till next January. But Hoke County people are eligible to vote in a Democratic primary to choose the nominee for Eighth District congressman, if Hefner is opposed by another Democrat or Democrats for renomination; and in the November general election to pick the district's congressman for the next two-year term.

Harold Gillis, Hoke Democratic Executive Committee chairman, said Monday in announcing the county convention schedule that the convention participants also will choose the county's delegates to



U.S. Rep. W.G. Hefner

the congressional district, state and sectional Democrats conventions. Announced party candidates for

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