

## Around Town

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The weather last week was cold and windy, but it turned out nice for the weekend. The snow that was predicted for Easter didn't show up in Hoke County. Everyone was glad that this didn't happen.

I do believe that some sleet was mixed in with the rain last Thursday. It did snow in the western section of the county and I heard that the snowflakes were like silver dollars in Southern Pines.

Anyway the forecast is for the temperature to rise to about 80 for the remainder of the week. This is fine with me and I am in favor of trying out the air conditioner.

From all reports the Carolina Cola that has gone on sale since the Tar Heels won the NCAA tournament is purple rather than blue. It seems that the can is Carolina Blue, but that the drink inside is grape.

Someone, a State man, asked me last Sunday if I thought the drink would be worth more a year from now? It seems that he bought a case of the cola and will try later to speculate on it to some Tar Heel fans. Of course I don't know the answer, but someone standing nearby stated that "Billy Beer" was selling for \$100 a can. So maybe the Carolina Cola will be worth a fortune later on. Anyway he can keep it and see if they come out with the same drink next year!

Easter Sunday started out cold and the people at the Sunrise service might have needed the blankets that were mentioned in this column last week.

It was a misfortune that the Rev. Douglas Mark came up with the flu and could not preach at the service. I know that many people were wanting to hear the man from Ireland. From all reports he is recuperating nicely.

The churches were again filled on Easter morning. It was reported to me that at the First Baptist Church, chairs had to be brought in to take care of the congregation. Dr. John Ropp stated that many visitors were at the Raeford Presbyterian Church and that they filled the pews vacated by members that were visiting elsewhere.

I didn't get a report from the Raeford United Methodist or other churches in the county, but feel sure they all had a large congregation.

The editor and his wife, Paul & Margaret Dickson, are back in town after a three month tour of Mexico. Paul stated Tuesday that this was their fourth trip to Mexico and that they went approximately to the same places they went on the first tour. When asked if things had changed since the first time, he said that they had.

Their tour was with the Air-stream people and he stated that they would leave the caravan and visit other places when they didn't want to stay with the tour. They had a wonderful time and it wouldn't surprise me to find him missing again before too long.

Last Wednesday, April 7, this writer made a trip to the beach with Franklin Teal, Robert Gatlin, Dick Neeley, Palmer Willcox and Duncan McFadyen. We spent the day at Teal's cottage at Holden Beach. The reason for mentioning this, is that I don't believe I have ever seen the ocean as calm as it was that day. The wind was blowing seaward and it was like a lake.

It was cold, but if you got in the sun where the wind couldn't hit you, it was really nice. Anyway after a day with the above, I am further educated!

It seems that more places are closing each year for the Easter holiday, Monday that is. I could be wrong, but I believe North Carolina is the only state that observes Easter Monday as a holiday.

If you haven't registered to vote in the upcoming primary, be sure to do so at once.

## Students Plead to Misdemeanor Charges

# 8 Get Short Jail Terms In Drug Cases

## For Summer By Lumbee River EMC

# 5 Hoke Students Chosen For Programs

Three high school juniors and two high school sophomores have been selected by the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation to attend youth opportunity programs this summer.

Tony Gene Barefoot of Rt. 4, Raeford, and Nadine Tamiko Wadsworth of Rt. 1, Raeford, have been selected to attend the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 12-18. Tony and Nadine will be seniors at Hoke High next fall.

Patti Jeanine Smith of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, Emmanuel Baldwin of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, and Andrea Shaw of Rt. 3, Raeford, will be attending the North Carolina Cooperative Council's Youth Camp at FFA camp R.J. Peeler at White Lake June 14-18.

Selections for the all-expense paid trips were made by a selection committee at Lumbee River EMC. All selections are based on qualifications such as academic standing, extra-curricular activities and potential for leadership.

Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barefoot and professes a love for all sports. He is a member of the Hoke High baseball team and likes to water ski in the summer.

Nadine was born in Fukuoka, Japan, and ranks as number one in her class at Hoke High. She is a member of the National Honor Society, has been nominated for the N.C. School of Math and Science and Governor's School, and is co-editor of the school newspaper.

An interest in music has Nadine

playing and singing with the High School Chorale. She also is active in the Future Farmers of America and placed in the FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team Competition.

Andrea Shaw is a winner in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation competition this year and is in the Society of Distinguished High School Students. She likes journalism work, is in the band and plays varsity softball.

Baldwin is in the chorus at his school and serves as sophomore class Vice President. He plays sports and enjoys singing and dancing.

Patti Smith is a member of the National Honor Society, is co-editor of the newspaper, typist for the annual staff and participates in FBLA. She enjoys math and plans to pursue a career in that field.

The annual selection of youth opportunity winners at Lumbee River EMC is carried out by the office of Youth Coordinator.

Spokesman Jim Autry noted that all of the winners are dependents of Lumbee River EMC members-consumers. He said the opportunities are of great value to the winners and the electric cooperative as well.

"The chance to go to Washington, D.C., with 900 other high school students from across the United States or to camp with 70 students from North Carolina is the chance of a lifetime for all of these excellent representatives of our cooperative," said Autry. "We're proud to have them."

"But this is really our big chance to educate the young people of our country on the cooperative way of doing business," he continued. "Most people still do not know that LREMC is a non-profit corporation in the business of service...not making money."

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is more than 15 years old and the Co-op Council Youth Camp has been in operation for nearly 10 years, according to Autry.



L-R. Andrea Shaw, Emmanuel Baldwin, and Patti Smith.



Tony Barefoot and Nadine Wadsworth.

Eight Hoke County High School students arrested February 24 and charged with felony drug violations were given last week suspended sentences but short terms in the Hoke County Jail on conditions they remain in school till they receive their high school diplomas.

The terms were imposed by Hoke County Superior Court Judge D. B. Herring, Jr., April 5 after the students pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges and the pleas were accepted by District Attorney Ed Grannis.

The judge specified that the jail terms be served after the current school year ends.

The students are to remain in Hoke High Extended Day classes instead of attending regular classes. The Extended Day classes are held after regular school hours, for students who are unable to attend the regular classes. These students include those who work off campus during the regular school periods, as well as those suspended or expelled from their regular classes.

The arrests were made after an undercover investigation was conducted in which two officers attended school posing as students.

The charges included possession of controlled substance or, in some cases, counterfeit controlled substances, with intent to sell and deliver, and selling and delivering. The sales allegedly were made to the undercover officer posing as students.

The defendants, charges, pleas, and judgments follow.

James Thomas, 17, Rt. 4, Box 495, Raeford, possession November 13 of a counterfeit controlled substance with intent to sell and deliver, November 13; pleaded guilty to misdemeanor solicitation to commit a felony, 15 months suspended for five years, probation for five years on conditions he serve seven days in the Hoke County Jail after the school year ends, remain enrolled in school till he receives his high school diploma and pay court costs.

James A. Watson, 18, Rt. 3, Box 90-C, Raeford, possession of a counterfeit controlled substance with intent to sell and deliver, and selling and delivering, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor solicitation to commit a felony; 15 months suspended for five years, probation for five years on conditions he pay costs, serve seven days in the county jail after the school year ends, with the jail schedule arranged so he won't lose his part-time job, and remain in school till he receives his high school diploma.

Maurice Davis, 17, Rt. 1, Box 141-A, Lumber Bridge, possession November 12 of a controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to sell and deliver, and selling and delivering, pleaded guilty to two counts of misdemeanor solicitation to commit a felony, 15 months suspended for five years, probation for five years on conditions he serve a total of 20 days in jail, June 21 to June 26 the first week, then the same 20 days each of the following three weeks; remain in school till he gets his high school diploma; and pay costs.

Calvin Dickson, 17, Rt. 1, Box 258-F, Lumber Bridge, possession December 14 of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, and selling and delivering, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor solicitation to commit a felony, 15 months suspended for five years, probation for five years, serve 20 days in the county jail starting at the end of the current school year; pay costs; and remain in high school till he gets his diploma.

Robin Byrd, 18, Box 754, Raeford, possession November 13 of a controlled substance (Diazepam) with intent to sell and deliver, and selling and delivering, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor solicitation to commit a felony, and assault by communicating a threat, two years suspended for five years, probation for five years on conditions he serve 45 days in the county jail starting after the school year ends.

Ricky Gates, 18, of 505 Saunders St., possession September 14 of a controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to sell and deliver, and selling and delivering, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor solicitation to commit a felony, 15 months suspended for (See DRUG CASES, page 3)

## Registration Set

Voter registration for Rockfish Precinct will be held Wednesday, April 21, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Mamie Bundy is the precinct's registrar.

## Monday Night At J.W. Turlington School

# Voters Can Meet Candidates At PTA Meeting

A meeting for Hoke County voters to meet the candidates for county and legislative offices in this year's primaries and general election will be held by the Hoke County PTA Monday at 7:30 p.m. at J.W. Turlington School.

"This is a great opportunity for you to listen to the candidates," and if you should have a question, there will be a question-and-answer

period the announcement says.

The people attending will have the opportunity to question the candidates.

Candidates expected to be present are: for sheriff -- incumbent David Barrington and James Peterkin, Jr.; for county commissioners (three seats up for election) -- incumbents John Balfour, Mabel Riley and James Albert Hunt, and

challengers Jimmy Plummer, Cleo Bratcher, Tom Howell, Julius Vanner, Wendell Young, Wesley Miller, and Ed Lumley; for state senators -- incumbent Sam Noble and David Parnell; for state representative -- Danny DeVane, a Hoke County commissioner.

The announcement says, "The PTA is not overlooking candidates for the Board of Education; how-

ever, since they are not voted on in the primary we look forward to inviting them in October."

The announcement warns: "If you miss this opportune time to meet 'your' candidates, you may not have this same chance again."

It adds: "The PTA is looking for each of you to be present at this important meeting."

# 82nd Airborne Chorus In Hoke School Concerts

The 82nd Airborne Division Chorus was to perform Wednesday from 11:15 a.m. to twelve noon at the Hoke County High School, and from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Upchurch Junior High School.

The purpose of this event is to expose students to fine choral art in vocal performance and to the superb standards of excellence of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The 82nd Airborne Division Chorus, also known as the All-American Chorus, is an all-volunteer organization consisting of troopers from every unit within the division. In addition to their normal duties as airborne troopers in "America's Guard of Honor," they spend many extra hours in both rehearsals and performances.

The Chorus is a part of Fort Bragg's community relations program at schools and community

activities in the surrounding areas. In addition to these audiences, it has performed before high-ranking

Army generals, the governor of North Carolina, senators and congressmen.

# 3 Hurt In Truck-Car Collision

Three people were injured about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday when a concrete tanker tractor-trailer and a car collided on U.S. 401 at Hoke Loop Road about 11 miles north of Raeford.

Trooper Bruce Foggiano of the State Highway Patrol reported one of the injured, Dimita Annette Mainor of Hoke Loop Road, was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital of Fayetteville and was in stable condition later Tuesday. He said she was a passenger in the car.

A 1977 Chevrolet Nova, being driven north by Debra Lynn Johnson of Bonnie Circle, Fayetteville. The driver of the car and Kenneth Ray Hair of Linden, who was driving the truck, were the others injured but they were released from the hospital Tuesday after being treated.

Foggiano said the tractor part of the tanker and the car were left total losses by the collision. He said Debra Johnson would be charged with making a movement before seeing whether it could be made safely.

The officer said the car was turned left to enter Hoke Loop Road and went into the path of the truck, which was traveling south toward Raeford. After colliding with the car the truck plunged down a steep embankment on the west side of the road.

A Lake Rim Fire Department truck and firemen were dispatched to the scene to stand by, but no fire was caused by the collision. Work was still under way 5 1/2

hours after the accident to raise the tractor-trailer from the woods to the road. The workmen were using a large crane in the effort.

The tractor bore the name of Concrete Service Co.

The accident happened in Cumberland County near the Hoke County line.

North and south bound traffic was slowed at the scene with the northbound open as the crane truck was blocking the southbound lane in the course of being operated.

## 4-H Fashion Revue

The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Lester Building Agricultural Extension Office on South Magnolia Street.

Youth who are in 4-H or who have participated in the 4-H sewing classes will be modelling the garments they constructed. The public is invited to attend.

# Council To Meet On Subdivision Policies

A special meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday by Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., and Raeford City Council in the council chambers in City Hall to discuss policies and procedures relating to installation of water, sewer, storm drainage

and building and paving streets in present and future subdivisions in the city.

The meeting will be open to the public and especially to people concerned with developing and selling real estate in Raeford.