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Around Town BY SAM C. MORRIS

The summer weather has arrived in May. For the past week the thermometer has been in the 80s or 90s and for the week ahead it looks the same. This weather is a little above normal as far as temperature is concerned for this time of year. The weatherman is back in town and he may be able to bring rain with him. Anyway it is dry and it won't be long before the need for rain will become serious.

Earl Fowler, manager of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce was by the office Monday afternoon and wanted me to remind folks about the chambers' annual dinner to be held Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gibson School Cafeteria. The deadline for getting your name on the list is Friday morning, May 21 by 10 a.m. Call the chamber office for reservations. The number is 875-5929.

The speaker for the evening will be Robert Morgan of Lillington, former U.S. Senator from our state. The public is invited to this event. Also the new officers will be installed at this meeting.

Hope to see you and your wife at the dinner.

Rose Sturgeon came by the office last week and said that we always had her title wrong when we used her name in the paper. The correct title for Rose is "Supervisor of Elections." Now we are sorry that we put the wrong handle on this position. What we would ask is, does the title pay any more money than when it was "clerk."

While talking to her, we did find out a few dates that might be of interest to readers.

The last day to register for the June 29th primary election is June 1.

The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is June 24.

For "one-stop" voting the office will be open for you to do this from June 2 through June 24. This means that if you have a valid reason for not being in the county on June 29th then you can go by the office and cast a ballot during these days.

The difference between absentee and "one-stop" is that an absentee can be mailed to you and with "one-stop" you must go by the office. So this seems to me that anyone can find time to vote.

Mrs. Sturgeon also stated that beginning June 1 through June 29, that the election office would be open five days a week, Monday through Friday.

So you still have time to register and also many options to VOTE.

Paul Dickson was by the office Monday afternoon and stated that 32 of the 39 members of the Class of 1932 had accepted the invitation to the reunion.

The reunion will be held Saturday, May 22 at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, starting at 5 p.m.

Of the seven that were not coming, six had not answered the letter and one, Junius Riley of Florida, was unable to attend.

The committee would still like any old pictures of the class, if anyone has found these.

We know they will have a swell time and think it would be great to have pictures as they see each other after 50 years.

The graduation section that appears each year in *The News-Journal* will be published on Thursday, June 3. The deadline for ads in this section will be Wednesday, May 26.

We want everyone to have an opportunity to be in this section along with the pictures of all the graduates. So if you have not been contacted by the time this column hits the street, be sure to call the office at 875-2121 and Ann Webb will get in touch with you.

This section has been popular over the years and most seniors save them for "look-back" in years to come. So an advertisement will also be seen in the future.

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Accept Youth Task Force Recommendations

Commissioners OK Four Programs

For His State Prize-winning Poster

Brian Allen Receives Bike, Certificate

Brian Allen of Raeford was presented a Certificate of Merit and a bicycle by North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary William R. "Bill" Roberson Jr. and the North Carolina Bicycle Committee for his award winning bicycle poster May 7 at the Highway Building in Raleigh. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allen.

This year's contest and North Carolina's Bicycle Week theme is "North Carolina is for Bicycling." To help promote the theme, the North Carolina Bicycle Committee sponsored the third annual North Carolina Bicycle Poster Contest. This year's posters were to incorporate some combination of bicycling and a North Carolina feature or landmark. Only local winners were eligible to participate in the state contest.

Brian's poster won "Most Original - 4th Grade" out of 200 local winners that were sent to Raleigh from throughout North Carolina. Brian attends South Hoke School.

Brian also received a bicycle bag and bicycle cap. The bicycle was donated by Schwinn Bicycle Co. and the bag by Sun Tour USA, Inc., and the cap by Chain Bike Corp.



Brian Allen's winning poster.



Brian Allen with the bicycle his poster won for him.

United Way Tops Goal By \$1,274.60

Ken Witherspoon, United Way campaign chairman for 1982, today announced the successful completion of this year's campaign with a total of \$21,555.60 raised in contributions and pledges.

This amount exceeds the goal by

\$1,274.60. This is the second consecutive year that the United Way has exceeded its campaign goal.

Witherspoon believes that all those that participated should feel good about the financial support

they made to the United Way agencies. The strong support for the United Way continues to confirm its effectiveness and usefulness in the single contribution concept.

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Witherspoon also revealed that the City of Raeford had 100% participation from its 59 employees and that the average contribution rate of \$28.13 per employee was a record for the United Way. Strong industrial support was also generated by both Burlington Industries and Tex Elastic. Many other businesses, governmental units, and individuals will be recognized in the near future at an awards program.

Participation by volunteers who solicited funds as well as those who contributed made the 1982 United Way Campaign successful. A special thank you was extended by Witherspoon for all these efforts.

The Hoke County commissioners at their mid-month meeting for May Monday night adopted a motion to accept recommendations to conduct four programs through 1982-83 to divert children from heading to the juvenile court system.

The commissioners acted after hearing explanations from Ken Witherspoon, chairman of the Hoke County Youth Services Task Force, which recommended the programs for the commissioners' consideration.

Three of the programs are presently being conducted, and one is new. All are state or federal financed and require relatively little in county funds.

They and the funding sources are:

--Alternate Learning Center at Upchurch Junior High School, \$10,100 from the state Community Based Alternatives. This is for junior high students who cannot be fitted for the time being into the regular classes, because of personal problems. Witherspoon said the county's matching portion could be "in kind", (in value of labor, and costs), rather than in cash.

--Alternate Learning Center at J.W. Turlington School; \$11,573 from the federal juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds, \$927 from CBA, and no county matching payment required. Witherspoon said, however, this would be the last year for the JJDP funding anywhere in the state.

--Motivational Recreation, conducted through the Hoke County Recreation Department, \$4,210 funded by Community Based Alternatives; the county can provide its share in kind. For example, the past year, the first for this program, CBA allowed the utility cost for the gym used in the program as the local matching fund.

--Life Skills and Personal Appearance Program, the new one, conducted through the Agricultural Extension Service, \$1,880 by CBA. The program, named "Looking Good and Feeling Good," aims to increase self-concept and help youth develop life skills of assessing oneself, building on personal strengths, becoming and developing as a person, developing winning ways, looking one's best, and keeping fit," says the description provided by the State Department of Human Resources Division of Youth Services. It is a CBA program and will serve 30 young people ages 12 through 17. It will be directed by Alice Lancaster, Hoke County Extension 4-H agent.

The Turlington program is to serve 240, and the past year served 250. Motivational Recreation, 150 in the 1982-83 funding period, some fewer than in 1981-82; and 250 in the Upchurch Alternative Education program, 19 fewer than in the past year.

VALUE REDUCED

The commissioners adopted a motion accepting a state recommendation that the taxable value of a 1.07-acre tract owned by Mrs. Carolyn McCraney be reduced to \$1,500 from \$2,880.

The recommendation was made by John I. Farthing, real property appraiser for the Property Tax Commission of the State Department of Revenue.

County Tax Supervisor Lester Simpson expressed agreement with Farthing's recommendation. Farthing based his recommendation, and Simpson agreed with the finding, that "the lowness of the land makes it unlikely that the property would be suitable for building purposes; and that the \$1,500 is a fair value based on a comparison with other home sites in the area." His letter to Simpson said Johnny Bailey also of the state commission and Farthing both held this opinion.

APPOINTMENT

The commissioners accepted the recommendation of Ann H. Pate, director of the County Parks and Recreation Commission, that Oscar Chavis be appointed to serve the unexpired portion of the term of Mrs. Brenda Jacobs as a member of the commission. Mrs. Jacobs' term expires in August 1983. Mrs. Pate's letter to County Manager James Martin containing the recommendation advises that Mrs. Jacobs resigned last April because of inability to attend the monthly meetings.

To Military Assistance Center

Raeford Native ICA Advisor

Lewis W. Pate was recently selected to become the new United States International Communications Agency (ICA) advisor to the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance at Fort Bragg.

Pate was born in Raeford. He began his Foreign Service career after graduating from Wake Forest

College and studying as a research scholar in Bangkok, Thailand.

He was recently nominated by Charles Z. Wick and will serve as the United States foreign policy advisor to the center.

Pate is currently serving as the Public Affairs Officer, United States Embassy, Kinshasa, Zaire, and is scheduled to arrive at Ft. Bragg in July.

Special Olympics Draws Hundreds

accompanied by the Center's program director, J.P. Smith, Sr.

Mrs. Cameron, commenting on the volunteers, said that when the first Olympics was started, she and others called people to ask them to serve as volunteers.

"Now," she said, "they call us," asking if they can help.

Among the volunteers was George Maynor, who starred for Hoke High's basketball team till he graduated in 1975, then starred

playing for East Carolina University. He graduated from ECU in 1980. Replying to a question, he said he is looking for a career in the pros, either in the Canadian League or NBA.

(See Related Photos Inside)



Here's how part of Hoke High Stadium's field looked during the Special Olympics about 12:30 p.m.