

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Summer came in Monday and the day was typical summer. The temperature was in the high 80s and the forecasters were calling for afternoon thundershowers.

As this is being written no showers have hit the county. We expect before the paper comes out, rain will have made an appearance.

It won't be long before we will be tired of the hot weather and will want the fall days to appear on the scene.

I found a note on my desk last week and it was calling my attention to the appearance of Neill McNeill of Raeford on Channel 40 in Fayetteville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neill A. McNeill of North Main street.

Neill is working this summer at the station and will return to UNC-CH for a degree in TV Communications next year.

If you were at the picnic at the Raeford Presbyterian Church last Sunday, you would have seen him taking pictures.

A letter came to the office Monday addressed to the editor and was from Ben Bradin of Camden, S.C. He is a retired colonel and was in old Btry 'F' for many years before World War II. We thought his many friends in Raeford would be interested in the letter.

It follows:
Dear Paul:
I should have written this some weeks ago, but I will not be able to attend the reunion this year as I have had a severe heart attack this summer. Will you pass the word to the committee.

This is a great disappointment as I had every intention of attending. In fact, I doubt if I can attend another.

Sincerely,
Ben Bradin

In case anyone would like to send him a card, his address is:
Lt. Col. Benj. M. Bradin
Room 3, Wing 3, Tanglewood
Ridgeway, S.C. 29130

Don't forget that Election Day is Tuesday, June 29th. Be sure to vote.

The News-Journal this week has its Election Section and it carries all the ballots and ads from most of the candidates on the ballots.

Take time to put the candidate ads with their names on the ballots. If you don't know anything about some of them, you still have time to inquire and find out. Be sure who you are voting for in this primary.

Ask yourself a few questions? Is he qualified? Is he a man or woman I want to represent me in government? Is he or she honest? These are just a few; you can think of others.

The main thing is to VOTE!

The following article was written recently by Laurie Telfair, a former Associate Editor of this paper, who now is editor of a paper in Texas. It appeared under her column in the

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Hoke To Pick Sheriff, Commissioners Nominees

Party Primaries Slated For Tuesday

1982-83 McCain Money In State Budget

State Sen. Sam Noble told *The News-Journal* Friday morning that the money to keep McCain Hospital open through fiscal year 1982-83 is in the State budget. McCain is the only State hospital devoted exclusively to the treatment

of patients with respiratory illnesses including tuberculosis.

He said he was conferring with Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, secretary of the State Department of Human Resources, on alternative uses for

the hospital. One already proposed, by the Sandhills (mental health) Center administration is for mental patients, a detoxification unit for drug and alcohol patients, and for mental-health education programs.

A proposal in early 1981 to close the hospital brought opposition from Hoke County and adjoining areas and area legislators. The hospital subsequently was kept open but the number of beds was reduced to 115 from 150.

Hoke County voters next Tuesday will choose Democratic nominees for three county commissioners and the sheriff and help pick the Democratic and Republican nominees for Seventh District congressmen, and for district and State Court of Appeals judges.

The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Rose Sturgeon, supervisor of Hoke County elections, advised last week. She also said that Thursday (June 24) is the last day she will accept absentee ballots and also the last day that people can vote "One-Stop" at her office, in advance of the June 29 primary. People can vote in advance only if they can give a satisfactory reason.

The Hoke voters also will ballot on five proposed amendments to the State Constitution, including one which would lengthen the terms of members of the General Assembly to four years from the present two.

All voters regardless of party affiliation and the non-affiliated, are eligible to vote on the proposed amendments, Mrs. Sturgeon said.

In regard to the coming primaries, Mrs. Sturgeon, who has been with the county elections board since 1974, said, "More interest has been generated in this election than any in my time with the board."

She reported the county's registration as of June 1, at the close of the most recent period for people to register, shows a total 8,733 voters. Of these 8,260 are Democrats, 407 are Republicans, and 66 are unaffiliated. The total consists of 4,336 whites, 3,528 blacks, and 869 Indians.

Registration in 1980 totaled 7,076, which included 6,585 Democrats, 413 Republicans, 77 unaffiliated, and one Independent for John Anderson.

The county offices up for vote in the nominating primaries are three seats on the Board of County Commissioners and the job of sheriff. Only Democrats are involved in these primaries. One Republican -- Evelyn Manning -- will be on the ballot for a commissioner's position in the November 2 general election.

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Ten Democrats including the three present commissioners, are running for the party nominations to the board -- John Balfour, Mabel Riley, and James B. Hunt, the incumbents; and Cleo Bratcher, Jr., Thomas P. (Tom) Howell, Edward G. Lumbley, Wesley G. Miller, James (Jimmy) Plummer, Julius Vanner, and Wendell S. Young.

In the Democratic primary for sheriff, David Barrington, the incumbent, and former Hoke Deputy Sheriff James Peterkin are the candidates.

Hoke will be back in the Seventh Congressional District officially next January, switched this year from the Eighth by the General Assembly's redistricting necessitated by population changes found by the 1980 U.S. Census. Consequently, the Hoke voters can cast ballots for the Seventh's candidates.

In the primary for the Democratic nomination, Congressman Bill Hefner of Kannapolis is being

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Fire Destroys Lide Home

The five-room cinderblock home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lide of 315 Jones Ave. was destroyed about 11:15 a.m. June 16 by a fire of undetermined cause.

The Lides lost all their belongings, the North Raeford Fire Department reported. North Raeford firemen, helped by some firemen from the Hillcrest and Raeford Fire Departments, put out the blaze in a few minutes after arriving about six minutes after receiving the alarm, though they were delayed 3 to 3½ minutes in getting there because the dispatcher received erroneous information about the location from two different callers, who made the mistake because of their excitement. Assistant Fire Chief George Baker said.

He added, however, that it is doubtful that the house could have been saved even if the firemen and equipment were not delayed, because the fire apparently had been going for a while before it was discovered and the alarm turned in.

He said the house was enveloped in flames when the firemen arrived. The firemen were directed by mistake to a place near Buie's Funeral Home, about two miles from the Lides' home, which meant they had to travel about four miles extra before getting to the burning house.

The Hoke County Ambulance Service stood by all the time, Baker added, praising the service. He said several of the firemen were treated by ambulance Emergency Medical Technicians for steam burns, but added that the latter are common in any fire fight. They result when moisture from the fire hose water or the firemen's own perspiration is heated to steam by the heat of the fire they are fighting. No one else was hurt by the fire.

At the Lide home fire, someone stole fireman's clothing recently picked up from a cleaner's and a pistol from the car of one of the firemen while he was busy helping put out the blaze.

Baker said that all the firemen are volunteers and are unpaid, performing a service to property owners. Some drive their personal cars to fires directly on receiving the report at home or at work, rather than lose even a short time by going to the fire station and riding a truck.

Baker said the thefts and vandalism have gotten to the point where the volunteers are either going to ride the fire trucks to fires or take time out from fire fighting to check their cars, and this would hinder the fire-fighting.

Twelve North Raeford firemen helped fight the fire. With the house beyond saving, the firemen concentrated on preventing the flames from spreading to nearby homes.

In connection with fighting fires generally, Fire Chief Johnny Baker said personal property of firemen have been stolen from their private cars and cars ransacked at the fire scene by some people at the scenes of the fires. He said the losses even include the small red flashing lights firemen put on the tops of their dashboards when driving their personal cars to fires.

By N.C. Court Of Appeals

'Pot' Dismissals Reversed

The North Carolina Court of Appeals has reversed dismissals of marijuana charges against 11 Wilkes County people by a Hoke County Superior Court judge.

The defendants will be tried in Hoke County Superior Court in the September term unless they appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court and the court decided to review the Court of Appeals decision. Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell said Tuesday.

The charges against the defendants were dismissed by Judge Anthony Brannon of Durham on the grounds, essentially, that they were denied the right to examine and test marijuana plants seized as evidence, because officers burned the confiscated plants after taking measurements and getting samples. The state prosecutor appealed to the Court of Appeals from the Superior Court orders, which were issued May 26.

The Court of Appeals ruling,

issued June 15, says, in part, however, that the state does not require the preservation of all physical evidence; and that most of the evidence originally seized was destroyed by law officers in good faith because of lack of storage space.

The court found that Brannon's orders dismissing the four charges

against the defendants "are not supported by the evidence and the law."

The appeals court ruling says elsewhere that the defendants' claim of deprivation of rights is based entirely on the destruction of the marijuana, except for the

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5 Wounded In 2 Separate Shootings

Three people were wounded by shotgun pellets early Sunday and two others were wounded by pistol bullets early Friday in separate shootings, the Hoke County Sheriff's Department reported.

One of the shotgun victims, Jimmy McGirt of Rt. 2, Raeford,

was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville and was reported Monday in satisfactory condition. The others were released Sunday after being treated. They are Dale Locklear of Rt. 2, Box 92A, Raeford, and Kenneth Locklear of Rt. 1, Box 300 Shannon.

Sheriff David Barrington reported Jerry Oxendine, 29, of Rt. 2, Box 95, Raeford, was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injuries in the shotgun case.

Barrington reported the people wounded by pistol fire were Ramsey Carter, 24, of Rt. 1, Box 254, Raeford, and Carl Lee Ransom, about 24, of Rt. 2, Raeford. Carter was released from Cape Fear hospital after staying a day for treatment, and Ransom was released Friday after being treated.

In the latter shootings, no charge was filed because no one wanted to

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Stores To Give \$1,400 In Gift Certificates

Raeford merchants will donate a total of \$1,400 in gift certificates at the rate of \$100 worth per month starting in July.

A \$100 certificate will be given by a different merchant each month. The first will be given by Howell Drug.

Drawings will be held the last Saturday of each month, at noon, and a person need not be present to win.

People are permitted to register

at all 14 stores participating, and a person need not buy anything in order to register.

The gift certificates will be good on any merchandise in the store.

Boxes from all stores will be collected and brought to the designated store of the month.

The names of the winners will be displayed in each merchant's store, published in *The News-Journal*, and broadcast by radio station WSHB.

Arrests Follow Undercover Probe

18 Hoke People Charged In Drug Cases

A total of 45 warrants charging 18 people with drug violations were issued, and officers went out early Friday morning to start making the arrests. Hoke County Sheriff David Barrington reported.

He said the arrests topped off an investigation that had been conducted since the first of the year with Hoke sheriff's officers, Raeford city police and Robeson County sheriff's officers and the Cumberland County SBI cooperating.

About a pound of marijuana and several marijuana plants found growing in yards allegedly at the

homes of two of the defendants were confiscated. Also seized were some cocaine and various types of pills and capsules.

The sheriff said the investigation was independent of the one that resulted in the arrests of Hoke County High School students though it was going on at about the same time.

Undercover agents -- Robeson County officers -- worked in the investigation in which the arrests were started Friday the sheriff added.

The defendants, all with Raeford or rural Hoke County addresses,

were arrested at their homes or at work, the sheriff said.

The defendants and charges: Beverly Annette Bowman, 25, Apt. 11, Raeford Hotel, Raeford, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and sale.

David Roper, 26, Saunders Street Extension, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and sale.

Henry L. McNeill, 32, Rt. 3, Raeford, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and sale.

Bobbie Ann Campbell, 27, Rt. 2, Raeford, possession with intent to sell a counterfeit controlled sub-

stance (caffeine represented as amphetamine), and sale; sale of marijuana, and possession of marijuana.

Regina Bullard McMillan, 34, Rt. 1, Red Springs, manufacturing marijuana with intent to sell, sale of marijuana (two counts), and possession with intent to sell (two counts).

John Wayne Davis, 34, Rt. 4, Box 104A, Raeford, possession with intent to sell marijuana (two counts) sale of marijuana, manufacturing marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Elwood McNair, 22, Rt. 1, Raeford, possession with intent to sell marijuana, and sale.

Bobby Peterkin, 30, of 603 Forrest St., Raeford, possession with intent to sell marijuana (two counts) and sale (two counts).

Yancey Conrad McLaughlin, Rt. 3, Raeford, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and sale.

Gwendolyn Bullard, 32, Rt. 1, Red Springs, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and sale.

Ervin Bennie Ross, 29, Oakwood Avenue, Raeford, possession of

marijuana with intent to sell (two counts) and sale (two counts).

Clarence Bratcher, 37, of 403 Robeson St., Raeford, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and sale.

James Thomas (Tony) White, 36, Rt. 4, Box 25, Raeford, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and sale.

Julius Locklear, 22, Rt. 1, Red Springs, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and sale.

The names and charges against the other defendants were not available before press time.