#### **Around Town**

(Continued from page 1A) They have kinda slowed down in the legislature, but this is due to the fact that most bills are now in committee. The next thing you know they will hit the floor of the House and Senate and will become laws before we know it.

I was told this week that Danny DeVane said to tell me hello. Maybe he read about losing his Hope to see you soon, Danny!

Several weeks ago a letter was published in this newspaper from Mrs. Linda Dow of Greenville, wanting information about Ruth Warner that also lives there. We were able in a small way to help her and wrote in this column who Mrs. Dow was and where she lived when in Raeford.

Last week a letter came to the paper addressed to Robert Gatlin, who had sent Mrs. Dow a paper and the comments made in the paper. This letter will follow in this column.

I would like to state that Mrs. Dow came to this town in 1924 and didn't know anyone but her husband. She came from Greece and could speak very little English if any at all. She was helped by the folks here and this letter shows her deep appreciation of our folks here. Let's try to keep up this kind of friendliness. Her letter follows:

2-20-83

Dear Robert,

Thank you and The News-Journal for sending me the information I requested concerning Ruth Warner.

For your information, I was able to contact her, here in Greenville, and reminisce about people we knew in Raeford.

I don't know if you recall that Raeford was my first home in the United States.

In my last letter, I erronously said that Mrs. B.R. Gatlin was my close friend until death. What I meant to say was that it was your mother, Mrs. Hallie Gatlin. Although, your grandparents and your aunt, Mrs. Stewart, were also very nice to me. Your grandfather used to come and show me how to weed my garden. He used to bring me cantaloupe and fruit from his farm.

Robert, do you remember when your mother used to send you with a tray of delicious food for me when I had my first baby? Your mother and I became very close friends throughout those years. She was like a mother to me. It hurt me as much when she died as it did when my mother died.

As for my age, I was born July 12, 1905. I came to Raeford as a bride, age 19 yrs. Raeford and its people were very kind to me. When I moved to Greenville, I left behind many good friends.

Most sincerely,

### **United Way Organizes**

(Continued from page 1A) This year's campaign will be open to anyone who wants to par-

ticipate. "Anyone interested in United Way should come foward and make themselves known. We need their help," Matthews said.

Campaign officials are still organizing this year's effort, but Matthews and Witherspoon are both looking for a successful year.

One of the areas being looked by the fund raisers is selling industries and businesses on a payroll deduction plan.

During 1982, the Hoke County United Way raised \$20,281 of which most went to local organizations such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H Council, the Hoke County Rescue Squad and others.

With recent cuts in governmental spending, the United Way has become more important for the survival of these local organizations, Matthews said.

This year's goal has not been finalized, but officials hope collections will exceed the 1982 figure.

Prior to coming to Raeford, Matthews served as the Director of Redevelopment for the City of Goldsboro.

The Winston-Salem native is married and has three children.

Matthews is a member of the Raeford Kiwanis Club and the Raeford Methodist Church, as well as several professional organiza-

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# The Circus Is Coming

"The circus is coming - the circus is coming" said Ralph Huff, President of the Kiwamis Club of Raeford in a recent announcement to the community.

The date is Friday, April 1, here in Raeford.

"We look forward to a fine show from the Franzen Bros. Circus Troupe as they stop off here in Raeford on their way north from their winter headquarters in Florida," Huff said.

There will be two performances on April 1, at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., with only 1,200 tickets available for each performance.

Ticket sales will begin in mid-March.

The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring this activity on a referral from the Chamber of Commerce.

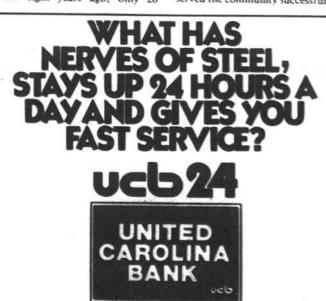
All proceeds will be donated to the Hoke Co. Children's Center.

## Cameron Center Has Eighth Anniversary

Members of the Cameron Heights Center, which is operated by the Four County Community Service, recently celebrated an eighth anniversary of serving lunches to senior citizens.

When the center began the program eight years ago, only 20 senior citizens participated, now the group has grown to 45.

Under the direction of Sight Manager Jennie Morrison, Presi-dent Rev. J.W. McCrae and Center Supervisor Nina A. Morrisey, the Cameron Center has served the community successfully.





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