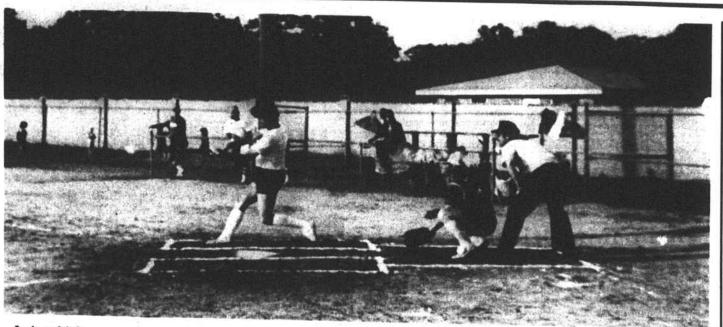
Sports

Raeford, N.C.



Is it a hit?

American Legion teams from Rockingham (at bat) and Lumberton battle game. The Rockingham batter has put all his force behind the bat but it out at the Hoke Recreation ball field Sunday in a slow-pitch softball grounded out to the second baseman.

Blazers Sweep Two Games

The Hoke County Blazers boosted their record this weekend with a 21-0 shut-out game against Rex Saturday.

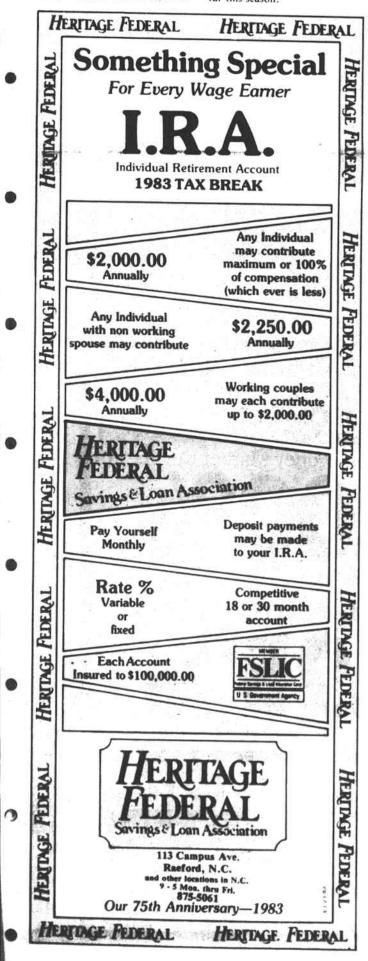
Blazer pitcher Rashad Rahmaan displayed his talents by completing the game without one opponent scoring.

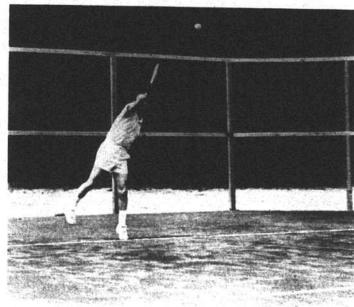
Hit leaders for the game were Johnny Williams with three, Mike

Nives and Tim Clark with two and Bruce Cobb with one. Sunday's game was not as spectacular with the Blazers taking an

8-5 win from Lillington. Hit leaders for that game were Tim Clark, Mike Nives, Mark Madden and Reggie Pryor.

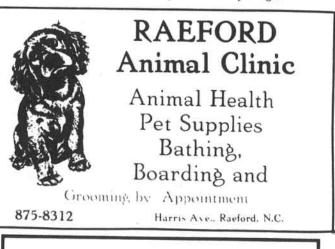
Last weekends play brought the Blazers to a 11-5 overall record so far this season





Breaking in the courts

Play got underway last week at the new Deer Track Tennis Club on the Raeford-Shannon Road. The club is nearing completion, but developer Steve Phillips says two lighted "Har Tru" composition courts are ready for play, the "hydra-fitness" exercise room is open and members are swimming in the club's pool. Phillips hopes to limit the membership to 125 families from the surrounding area. Over 60, mostly Hoke County, members have joined thus far. The summer's activities will include youth swimming lessons under the direction of former Hoke County Recreation Director Ann Pate and tennis lessons for members of all ages.



Recreation Bits

Karate Class

The Tae Kwon Do Karate class sponsored by Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the Parks and Recreation office on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-7 p.m. For more information, please call the office at 875-5603.

Liniment Softball League

Hoke County Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Men's Liniment League ages 30-up. If you are interested in submitting a team in the league, con-

tact the Parks and Recreation Office at 5-5603.

Ladies' Softball League

The Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a ladies softball league ages 14-up. The season is set to start June 15 at Armory Park. The deadline for entry fee is on or before the first game. For more information please call the recreation office at 5-5603.

Senior Citizen Bingo

Come on out for an afternoon of fun on June 29, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. The agenda will include bingo, prizes and refreshments. Free.

Flea Market

The Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Flea Market on Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on the big field left of the old National Guard Armory. The first 30 to reserve a space through the Recreation office at 5-5603, will be able to participate. No Charge.

Tennis Lessons

The Parks and Recreation Commission will sponsor two sessions of tennis lessons July 4-8 and July 11-15.

The classes will be taught at Hoke High courts and will be limited to the first 10 to register for each class. Cost for each session will be \$20.00. Session I - July 4-8 8:30-10:00 a.m. - Beginners, ages 7-13 10:15-11:45 a.m. - Beginners, ages 14-up

Session II - July 11-15

Ability level to be taught determined by public request. In-structor will be Fatai Adeleke. For more information please call the Recreation office at 875-5603.

Wetlands Are Nurseries For Seafood Platters

Summer is coming. And, like other North Carolinians, you are probably heading to the beach to enjoy the three S's -- sun, surf and seafood.

You can count on the first two, but what about the third, seafood? A good seafood harvest is not automatic, says Todd Llewellyn of the Office of Coastal Management, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. "It depends on a clean environment and a little luck, as well as the fisherman's skill," said Llewellyn.

Llewellyn described the tricky path from the coastal waters to the dining room table. The path starts in the estuary -- the natural network of rivers, creeks and sounds where salt and fresh waters mix. The estuary is the natural seafood "factory" from which almost all commercially important species come.

The wetlands and shallow waters of the estuary provide food and shelter for shrimp, flounder and other species as they grow to maturity. In this "pasture," fish an aquatic fish and other organisms "graze" on plants and each other

provide their basic food -- decayed matter called detritus.

In North Carolina, two laws the Dredge and Fill act and the Coastal Area Management Act --are aimed at protecting the wetlands and the waters so that fishing will continue to be good

and seafood plentiful. "It is important to protect this natural factory," said Llewellyn," because it is an essential part of the environment. In addition, commercial seafood and sport fishing are big businesses in North Carolina."

Commercial dockside harvests netted fishermen \$70 million last year. These dollars were recycled several times through local businesses for equipment, gasoline, housing and food. Sport fishing brings an additional \$200 million to the communities and businesses along the coast.

"Even when man does everything necessary to protect our wetlands and waters, natural variables can affect the harvest," said Llewellyn. "Rainfall volumes and temperature changes can reduce the catch. "It's still too early to say just how good this year's seafood harvest will be, but the estuary has done its job. It has bred another generation of seafood for our tables.'

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Unpolluted waters give fish and smaller organisms a healthful place to live and grow. Marsh grasses

Area Students To Attend **Co-op Washington Trip**

Three high school students from the Lumbee River EMC service area have been selected to go to Washington, D.C. as part of the National Rural Youth Tour, June 11-17. The trip is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Two sophomore high school students have also been selected to attend the 1983 North Carolina Cooperative Council's Youth Camp at White Lake, N.C.

The purpose of the Washington, D.C. trip is for students to see our government in action, visiting with congressmen, senators, and touring the capitol area. Trips are planned to the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and Arlington National Cemetery.

Chosen Chosen to attend the Washington, D.C. trip are Ann Woods, Rt. 1, Pembroke; Andrea Shaw, Rt. 3, Raeford; and Jeffrey Johnson, Parkton.

The purpose of the Cooperative Youth Camp at White Lake, is to teach young people how cooperatives of all types function in their lives. It is also a time for these young people to meet and exchange ideas with other students from across North Carolina.

Craig McMillian of Rt. 1, Shannon, and Tommy Chavis, of Rt. 1, St. Pauls, were selected to represent Lumbee River EMC at the coop camp.

The students were selected in an essay competition titled, "If I were a government official, the power source I would promote would be ...