

Hoke resident receives Morehead scholarship

Lisa Armsrees Gillespie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gillespie of Route 1, Red Springs, in Hoke County has received a Morehead Award to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The announcement was made today by Hugh G. Chatham of Elkin, N.C., chairman of the board of trustees of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Gillespie, a senior at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, is a member of the French Club and the Gospel Chorus and head of Residence Life.

Gillespie is one of 69 high school seniors who have received 1984 Morehead Awards, presented to students of superior achievement and potential. "Evidence of leadership and service, character, academic standing and physical vigor are qualities looked for in a Morehead Scholar," said Mebane Pritchett, executive director of the foundation.

The scholarships are worthy approximately \$27,000 to North Carolina students for four years of study at UNC-CH. Out-of-state scholars receive the same stipend, and the foundation pays the out-of-state tuition differential, making the scholarships total value approximately \$36,000.

All finalists who did not receive Morehead Awards were awarded four-year N.C. Merit Tuition



Lisa Gillespie

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"The program is designed to attract to the University students who will enhance the University's stature through their presence on campus and contribute in a positive way to their alma mater and to society in later life."

The award is based on merit, and financial need is not considered.

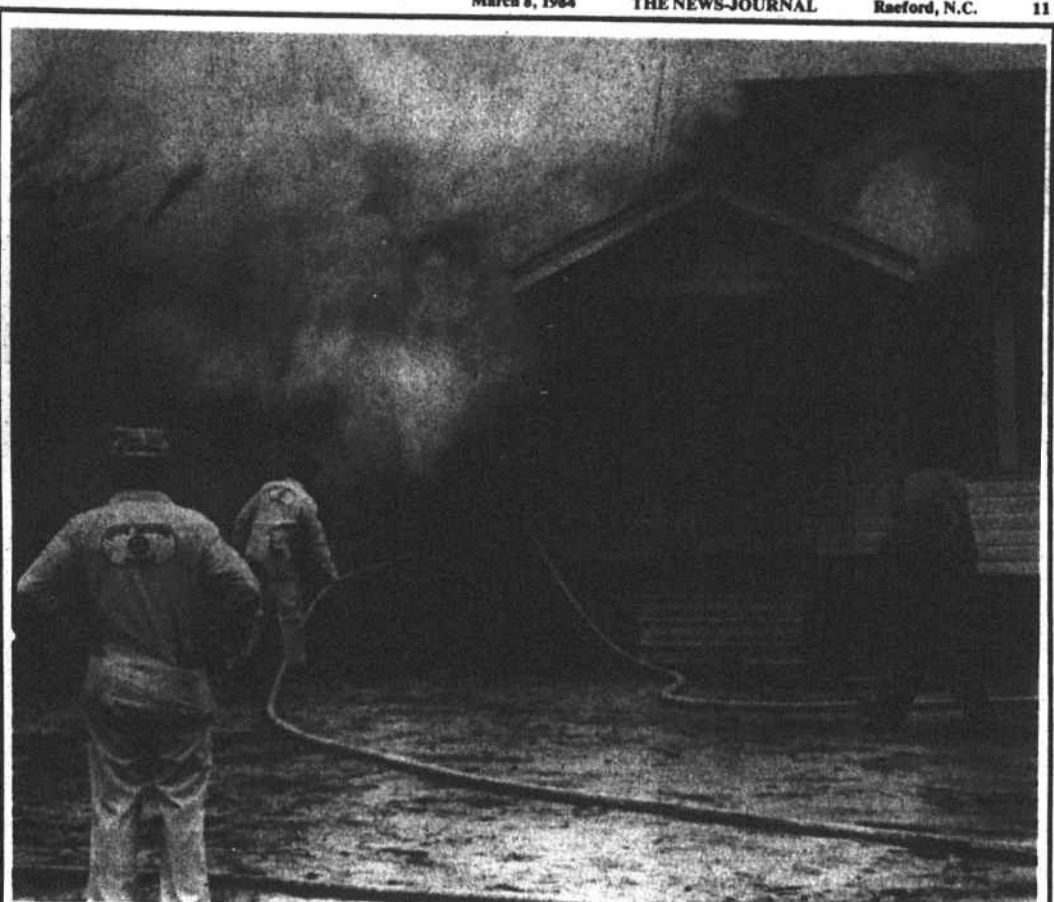
The Morehead Awards program is the largest and most lucrative scholarship program of its kind for undergraduate students in American colleges and universities today, Pritchett said. The awards are patterned after the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford University in England. Seven Morehead Scholars have been elected Rhodes Scholars in the last ten years.

Besides the regular scholarship stipend, Morehead Scholars are offered eight-to 12-week internships each summer during their University careers. The summer program, fully funded and arranged by the foundation, offers practical experience in leadership to supplement classroom work. Opportunities for enrichment are provided in outdoor leadership schools, governmental agencies and private corporations throughout the United States, and in independent travel-study opportunities abroad.

The awards program was established in 1945 by the late John Motley Morehead, a native North Carolinian and 1891 graduate of the University. Following his graduation, Morehead helped found the Union Carbide and Carbon Company in New York.

Since the first scholarships were presented in 1951, almost 1,500 Morehead scholars have graduated from the University.

Seventy Morehead Scholars entered UNC-CH last fall as freshman, and 250 currently are enrolled.



Erupted in flames

Hillcrest firefighters are assisted by Hoke Rescue Squad members as they attempt to fight the flames which erupted in this Scurlock area residence late Tuesday afternoon. One resident was slightly injured in the blaze which apparently started in the bedroom, according to Hillcrest Fire Department

Chief Earl Conoly. One room and the attic were damaged severely. North Raeford Fire Department assisted in fighting the fire. The owner of the dwelling was not known at press time, but Conoly said the utilities were listed in the name of James W. Smith. (Photo by Pam Frederick)

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In last year's application, there were two areas which were not acceptable to the committee, consultant Skip Green said.

Both provisions involved the repayment of funds, he added.

Another public hearing will be scheduled prior to the application deadline of April 16.

Green and acting City Manager Bill Sellars have met with residents in the "target area," and a group of six attended Monday's public hearing.

One of the main concerns of the residents is drainage, a spokesman for the group said during the hearing.

Last year over 200 counties and municipalities applied for about \$28 million which was up for grabs in North Carolina, Green said.

Only about 40 projects were funded.

Raeford's chances this year are improved, and the city should get funded if all federal and state recommendations are met, Green said.



Youth Involvement proclaimed

Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill (right) signs a proclamation naming March Youth Involvement Month. Hoke High spokesperson Amy Wilson (left) told city council members Monday night that students will be participating in a "number" of activities involving government during the month. (Photo by Pam Frederick)

Hob Nob on tap

In other business, support from the council was sought for a newly organized spring arts festival to be held in Raeford on May 4 and 5.

The festival, which will be held to promote Hoke County and Raeford, will encompass a week of public activities at the county library and will include a weekend arts and crafts show, event Chairman Mary Archie McNeill said.

Activities during the Hoke Heritage Hob Nob will be highlighted by a performance on Saturday afternoon by the beach music group The Embers, Mrs. McNeill said.

In still further business, the council took action on these other matters:

- Received for consideration a proposal from the Asheboro engineering firm Moore Gardner & Associates to recommend replacements for the city's pumps at the sewage treatment plant and to review municipal electricity use. The two-phased proposal is for \$15,500. The matter will be voted on at a later meeting.

- Agreed to release a sewer easement under streets slated for paving by the state Department of Transportation. The paving is expected to begin soon on

Cumberland Avenue to Keith Street.

- OK'd access to the new animal shelter for members of the Hoke County Humane Society.

- Requested that the city attorney draw an ordinance which would prohibit U-turns on Main Street between Edinborough Avenue and Central Avenue.

- Adjourned to an executive session to consider applications for city manager.

- Approved the appointment of Frank Baker and Wayne Byrd to serve as the city's representatives on the newly formed Airport Commission.

...Mixed drinks to be mulled

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It is hoped the new tax clerk will be able to discover real and personal property which is not being listed by the owners, Martin said.

County officials suspect that there are a number of mobile homes which are not being listed with the county and whose owners are not paying local taxes.

Of those properties which are listed, the county is now collecting almost 94% of the taxes assessed against them, Livingston said.

Welcome signs sought

On another matter, efforts have been launched to erect welcome signs on the main arteries entering Hoke County.

Commission members requested Monday that Martin ask the state Department of Transportation (DOT) about the signs and determine what expense the placards would be to the county.

"I think welcome signs on the Hoke County line would be an asset," commission Chairman John Balfour said.

"They make you feel real welcome when you get there," Commissioner James Albert Hunt said, noting that he had seen similar signs in other counties.

The signs would be approximately four feet by eight feet, Balfour said.

In still further business, the commission took action on these matters:

- Approved a bid of \$4,210 from Sandhills Pulp and Timber Company for the purchase of timber on a site adjoining the present landfill.

- Rejected a bid from County Engineer Jack Ellis to purchase 15 unuseable trash dumpsters for \$30. Martin will negotiate with salvage dealers in an effort to get a better price for the containers.

- Approved the use of approximately \$5,300 in contingency funds to improve the county rural

fire protection radio system. Although the expenditure was approved a year ago, it was not included in this year's budget, Martin said.

- Waived a late penalty on personal property for one taxpayer who just moved to the area and was not aware of the deadline for listing property for tax purposes.

- Ok'd a contract with the Association of Developmentally Disabled to provide non-emergency medical transportation for elderly residents. Funds for the project were budgeted.

- Granted a request for \$75 to repaint Community Watch signs in the Five Points area.

- Voted to cancel the March 19 meeting because of a conflict with a National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. which some commission members are expected to attend.

- Appointed members to the Senior Citizens Planning Committee.

January unemployment increases

Although Hoke County's unemployment rate jumped more than 2% during January, leaving 890 local residents out of work, the figures released this week by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC) show the county is faring better than it did a year ago.

In January of this year, the jobless rate was 11%, which was an increase of 2.4% over December. However, the rate was down 4.3% over the same period in 1983.

The rate the previous year was 15.3%, and during that period in

1983, there were almost 400 more residents on the jobless rolls.

In December 1983, there were 7,930 residents in the labor force and 680 workers without jobs.

During the first month of 1984, there were 8,090 residents in the labor force and 890 jobless.

There were 210 more unemployed workers during January and the labor force showed an increase of 160 workers. Both factors made the unemployment rate increase.

ESC employee Pat McLean attributes the increase to "seasonal layoffs and bad weather conditions."

"We have also had some temporary layoffs at our local industries," McLean said.

"I think the increase is normal for this time of the year," she added.

"We are coming off the Christmas holiday and things are getting back to normal," McLean said.

McLean also said she "expected" the jobless rate to "level off" some as the year progresses.

"Once we get through the bad weather, you will see more people going back to work," McLean added.

Hoke had the second largest jobless increase during the month of all the counties in the area. Moore County showed a 2.8% hike, compared to Hoke's 2.4%.

However Moore's overall rate was only 8.6% for the month, which was the lowest of the area's counties.

Hoke also did not have the highest rate in the surrounding area. That honor fell on Robeson County where unemployment reached 12.7% during January.

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