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(Continued from page 1) including the Raeford United Methodist Church, which will have its Happy Hobby Harvest. So go out and attend all the ingatherings and other church events.

Joe Dupree and his wife, Helen, of Raleigh stopped by the house Friday for a visit. They had come to Hoke County to get a load of pine straw to use on their yard. They were both in good health and they wanted to know all the news that hadn't been published in *The News-Journal*.

It was hard to realize that they had been retired for ten years. Of course, Mary Alice and I have been retired for 12 years. It was good to recall old times with the Duprees and to brag about what our children had done since finishing school.

They didn't get any pine straw because of the recent rains, so I look for them to return to Raeford before long.

The death of Bill Smith last week brought back memories of many years ago. Bill was born and grew up in the Blue Springs Community of Hoke County. In the late 1930s and before entering service in 1940, most of us young men would assemble at Graham's Service Station at night after returning from our dates. I can remember Bill, James T. Blue and a Williams' man always stopping by after dating young ladies of the Dundarrach-Arabia section of the county. How times have gone by!

As I sat in church at his funeral and heard the preacher talk about the close family ties of Bill Smith's family, I saw the brothers, sisters, cousins, etc. in the pews. I thought about what is happening to our society that keeps many from having these same

family ties as this family. I believe that many of our problems in society today would be solved if this could once again be the first priority of our people.

Bill Smith and his wife Irene, stood for and by the principles of a family unit. Their children have shown what this has meant to them.

As this is written on Monday afternoon the World Series between

the Toronto Blue Jays and the Philadelphia Phillies stands at one victory for each team. These games were played in the Blue Jays' park and the next three games will be played in Philadelphia. The split should favor the Phillies, but Atlanta was in the same position and then lost two games in Atlanta.

So before this column appears again, we will have a winner in the series. I will not pick on this one!

I attended the open meeting of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce at the Hoke County Public Library last Tuesday night, October 12. Most of the directors were in attendance and they had an agenda to present to the public. The sad thing is that only a handful of people turned out for the meeting. The program went on schedule and many things were presented to those in

attendance.

There was a time for questions from the floor and these were discussed and some of the proposals were taken under consideration by the officers and directors.

The good thing is that this is a start and I believe that the directors want input from the citizens of the county. They will have more open meetings and they also will invite the members to any of their meetings.

Thanks should be given to Patty Webb, president, and to Helen Huffman, director in charge, for the agenda and the way things were presented. So be sure to attend the next open meeting.

There wasn't a football game at Chapel Hill last Saturday, but the Carolina Tar Heels did right well in Atlanta. Hope they can do the same at Virginia this weekend.

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