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Greene Back On Bench

Traffic, Liquor Cases Heard

Traffic and liquor cases dominated Tuesday's session of Hoke Recorder's Court, presided over by Judge Harry Greene, who returned to the bench after a leave of several months.

In a short speech before the session began, Judge Greene said he will continue to deal with cases impartially, on the merit of evidence, and asked lawyers and officers not to send clients to see him "if they are to be tried before me."

"I have made a practice of not talking to defendants or witnesses before they appear before me," Judge Greene said, "because I do not feel that I can hear one side of the story out of court without forming some sort of opinion as to guilt or innocence."

Decisions handed down during Tuesday's session included:

Waymon Lee Johnson, Raeford, no operator's license, 80 days suspended, \$50 and costs.

Harry Liles, Raeford, no operator's license, 30 days suspended, \$15 and costs.

Jewell Wayne Smith, Ft. Bragg, speeding, 90 days suspended, \$50 and costs.

David Bethea, Raeford Rt. 3, no operator's license and improper use of dealer's plates, 30 days suspended, \$25 and costs.

Jack Perry Garry, Kinston, speeding, costs.

Joseph Wright Carry III, Kinston, speeding, costs.

John Cicero Harris, Raeford Rt. 2, speeding, costs.

John Jacobs, Ft. Bragg, public drunkenness, \$10 and costs; doing damage to county property.

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County Fair Set Monday

Hoke County Fair will open once again next week for the pleasure of both children and adults.

For the second time in the history of the fair cash prizes will be offered for exhibits. For the first time a well-constructed exhibit hall will be ready to hold as much competing produce and work of art as Hoke countians see fit to display.

The fair will be held at the same location as last year on old Highway 401 north of town. There will be rides for the children and other side attractions for adults, as well as plenty of places to buy hot dogs, hamburgers, and cotton candy.



CHARLES E. MORRISON

Democrats Regain Hoke Post Office

Charles E. Morrison, a Democrat, will take over as acting postmaster in Raeford Friday.

He succeeds D. C. Cox, Republican, who was appointed postmaster in 1963 during the Eisenhower administration.

Announcement of Morrison's appointment came from Sam Morris, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, who was notified of the move by Rep. Alton Lennon of the Seventh District.

Morrison indicated that he will resign his position as town clerk effective Friday. He has held that post since August, 1967.

Town officials indicated that Morrison's municipal duties will be absorbed by Ed Williams, town manager, and other personnel at town hall.

Morrison, a native of West Virginia, came to Raeford in 1947 following almost four years of duty in the U. S. Navy. During World War II, he served for

County Jail 'Boards' 76

Traffic at Hoke County jail was unusually heavy during October, according to the sheriff's department.

A total of 71 defendants were temporarily lodged in the jail. Three others are still being held for trial in the November session of Superior Court. Two work release prisoners occupy the jail at night, but work outside during the daytime.

AGAINST POVERTY County Will Seek Aid From New N. C. Fund

Board Asks W. T. Gibson To Apply

Hoke County will apply to the North Carolina Fund for assistance in erasing the "cycle of poverty" here.

County Commissioners went on record Monday as being 100 per cent behind any effort which will qualify the county for financial aid in the program soon to be launched by the Fund.

The North Carolina Fund, formed only recently, has been granted \$4 million to be used in helping to eradicate the "cycle of poverty" in the state. Part of the money will be used in setting up pilot projects throughout North Carolina to train carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and other specialists.

The Fund has not spelled out exactly what a community must do to be eligible for assistance. However, it has indicated that local participation will be a factor.

W. T. Gibson, Jr., county school superintendent, told commissioners he believes Hoke County will qualify if it will "put forth an earnest effort and file a circumstantial report."

The Fund only this week announced it has granted \$2 million to the State Department of Education to underwrite half of a project to improve the teaching of reading, writing and arithmetic in the first three grades. This program is aimed at lowering the number of dropouts.

Gibson said statistics reveal that 100 first graders dwindle to half that number by the time they should graduate. Only 6 per cent of North Carolina's high school graduates finish college, he said.

He said that in the past these dropouts have returned to the farm or have been employed in the mills. Now, since machinery has eliminated so many industrial jobs, they might find better opportunity in other vocations, he said.

Gibson was advised to take necessary steps toward filing an application to the North Carolina Fund.

"We are for anything that will improve the standard of living in Hoke County," said J. E. Shankle, board chairman.



GALLON GIVERS -- Three of four Raeford men who have given more than a gallon of blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile are shown above with L. S. Brock Jr., left, blood program chairman. They are, from the left, Leonard

Wiggins, Clyde Upchurch Jr., and Jimmy Hollingsworth. The bloodmobile will be at the Methodist Church from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Friday. Quota for the visit is 100 pints.

Hoke Board Names Fire Commission

A five-man Hoke County Fire Commission was appointed Monday by the board of County Commissioners as the first concrete step toward a county-wide fire protection program.

Named to the commission were W. E. McNeill, Robert Gatlin, A. S. McInnis, J. R. Huff Jr. and John Balfour. A chairman was not specified.

Named as general advisors were Harry Greene and Bob Lewis. Charles Hosteler, as county attorney, will be legal advisor.

To set wheels in motion, the commissioners adopted a resolution to assist and section which sets itself up as a fire district and shows an inclination to establish and help support a fire department. The county has agreed to help in getting fire departments started but will not completely finance any of them.

Civil Defense Director Alfred Cole said Monday afternoon that he is already trying to get a surplus fire truck for Ashmont Community (the first to apply for one) and is planning to get one repaired which is already located at Wayside. He also has promised to try to obtain one for the area around Second Baptist Church. That community held a meeting Monday night in an effort to get a fire-fighting program started there immediately.

Robert Gatlin and Harry Greene, both veteran Raeford firemen, were called to the commissioners meeting to provide needed information on setting up rural fire departments.

U. S. Rubber Raises Pay

Employees of the local plant of U. S. Rubber will receive a general pay increase, the effective date of which has not been announced.

Harry Birch, plant superintendent, said the pay increase will be "in line with the pattern currently developing in the southern textile industries."

A number of textile plants, including Raeford Worsted, recently granted a pay raise believed to average 5 per cent.

United Fund Short Of Goal By \$1,200

Hoke United Fund will likely turn up \$1,200 short of its 1963 goal of \$18,950.95, campaign officials predicted this week.

With the drive in the wrap-up stage, only two of five divisions have reached their goals. Total contributions are \$16,529.350.

They are the industrial division, reporting \$10,597 against a goal of \$9,457, and public employees, \$2,706 against a goal of \$2,675.

Far behind and in various stages of reporting are the commercial division, \$2,023 (\$3,623), professionals and individuals, \$876 (\$1,783), and county areas, \$526 (\$1,392). County areas, which is only 30 per cent complete, was expected to reach its goal, with an anticipated \$700 total from McCain.

Campaign officials estimated that reporting in the commercial and professionals and individuals divisions is 50 per cent complete. Both these divisions failed to reach their goal last year.

Meanwhile, a review of campaign records shows that employees of Pacific Mills are the biggest contributors to the drive. The firm's more than 1,400 employees gave \$7,601.19 -- an average of \$5.64 per employee.

Company officials estimate that 91 per cent of its employees participated in the fund drive, despite the fact that the company employs residents of eight counties and many of them derive no direct benefit from Hoke United Fund.

Campaign officials expressed the hope that the drive can be ended this week.

"We wish to commend the industrial and public employees divisions," said a fund spokesman. "We are hopeful that the drive still will go over the top; however, it looks doubtful at this time."

Sam C. Morris, fund treasurer, said goals were assigned to the various divisions on the basis of "their ability to give, as it could best be determined by the budget committee."

A sampling of records in the commercial division showed the average gift by employees in downtown business establishments to be about \$4.

Tour New York

Mrs. D. J. Dalton of Blue Springs and Mrs. James Ataway of the Phillippi club left Monday as representatives from the Hoke County Home Demonstration clubs for a tour of the United Nations quarters in New York City.

Moore Bond Vote Carries For College

Moore County voters Tuesday approved by a vote of 4,914 to 710 a million-dollar bond issue to construct a community college between Southern Pines and Pinehurst.

The institution, Moore County Community College, would serve a 35-mile radius, including Hoke County.

Along with the college proposal, voters approved a \$3 million bond issue which will consolidate the county's nine high schools into three schools.

The community college will be built on a 100-acre tract near Moore County Airport. The land was donated by Mrs. C. Louis Meyer.

The college is the first of five authorized by the 1963 N.C. General Assembly. It will be a two-year institution, offering a two-year college course, as well as an industrial education center, technical training institute and adult education department.

Moore county is responsible for furnishing the buildings for the college. The state will equip the college and provide the faculty.

Tuition at the school, which will have no boarding students, will be less than \$150 per year. It is designed to accommodate 400 students.

It is expected to open in the fall of 1965.



HALLOWEEN FUN -- Apple bobbing was part of the Halloween fun last Thursday at Raeford Kindergarten, when children of the school and their guests had a mid-morning

party. The uncontented girl at left strains to get an apple off the string, while Mitchell Lamm, right, dressed as "Casper the Friendly Ghost," nibbles at an apple he won.

Preyer To Speak At Civic Meet

Richardson Preyer, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will come to Raeford Thursday, November 21, to speak.

He will arrive about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and plans to get around the county to meet friends. Then, at 7 p. m. he will address the Raeford Kiwanis and Lions Clubs at a supper meeting.

Clyde Upchurch is handling arrangements.

A poll of North Carolina Young Democrats Saturday showed Preyer the overwhelming favorite to capture the

Democratic nomination. The poll, conducted at the state YDC convention in Charlotte, gave Preyer 93 votes. Dan Moore of Canton received 25 votes, while potential candidates Robert Scott got three and Dr. L. Beverly Lake, two.

Preyer's wife received one vote and four ballots were marked as still undecided.

Eastern state delegates went 22-3 for Preyer. In the Piedmont, he was the favorite, 56-10. Western North Carolina delegates gave Preyer a 12-11 margin.



RICHARDSON PREYER

Hoke County Fair Opens Monday, November 11