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CANDIDATE -- L. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, was in Raeford last Thursday for a speech before the Lions and Kiwanis clubs. Judge Preyer observed protocol and called on Sam Morris, chairman of the local Democratic Executive Committee, at Morris' office. The candidate spent the afternoon shaking hands in Raeford and Hoke County.

Preyer Proposes Bond Issue To Improve State's Highways

L. Richardson Preyer, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, last week called for a road bond issue which would "convert our ribbons of communication into arteries of progress."

Preyer proposed the bond issue in a speech before Raeford Lions and Kiwanis last Thursday night.

He said the state has come 3,000 miles of "Model T roads" too narrow to accommodate modern vehicles safely.

"We owe it to the people of North Carolina to provide safe roads of adequate width for school buses, farm trucks and private automobiles," he said.

Preyer declared the proposed road bond issue can be financed without new taxes. It would be paid for by the

one cent in gasoline taxes that will become available in 1966 when the Kerr Scott road bond issue is retired.

"With this penny, we could pay off a \$235 million bond issue in 14 years; a \$250 million bond issue in 19 years," he said.

He said the proposed bond issue would pave more secondary roads, improve primary roads, help 400 municipalities pave streets, and open isolated areas to new opportunity.

"Such a bond issue could be crucial to our future," he said, "and the time to plan is right now."

Preyer said the state's progress has been helped by three major road projects.

In 1921, he said, the state passed a \$50 million bond issue for primary roads.

In 1931, secondary roads were brought into the state highway system.

In 1949, the \$200 million Kerr Scott bond issue provided a system of farm-to-market roads that vastly elevated the farm income.

North Carolina has the largest highway system in the nation under a state highway system and "without question it is one of our greatest assets," Preyer said.

"Good roads furnish a good flow of communications. It's time to convert our ribbons of communications into arteries of progress, linking the East and the West and the Piedmont into one people," he said.

Preyer arrived here shortly after noon Thursday and spent the afternoon calling on individuals in Raeford and Hoke County. He also attended the Grand opening of Southern National Bank and the Achievement Day program of Hoke County Home Demonstration Clubs.

Thursday afternoon, a group of women, headed by Mrs. J. L. McNeill, gave a tea at Hoke Civic Center in honor of Mrs. Preyer, who used to be a frequent summer visitor in the McNeill home.

Mrs. Preyer once worked in Raeford in the county tax office.

Robeson Leaf Meeting Set

The annual Robeson County tobacco production meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 2, at the courthouse in Lumberton beginning at 2:30 p. m.

A principal speaker at the meeting will be Dr. Roy Bennett, tobacco specialist at N. C. State. New varieties and production practices will be discussed.

A special invitation to Hoke County leaf farmers has been extended by W. C. Willard, Robeson county agent.

Town Unites For Service Of Thanks

The Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches of Raeford will join together in a united Thanksgiving Day service to be held at the Presbyterian Church at 9 a. m.

The Rev. Leon Cheek, interim pastor of Robbin Heights Baptist Church, will deliver the message using the topic, "Jesus and Joy."

Invocation will be by the Rev. W. B. Heyward. The Rev. John Glenn will read the scripture and say the benediction and the Thanksgiving prayer will be offered by the Rev. R. E. L. Moser.

Special Thanksgiving music will be presented by the Presbyterian Chancel Choir, which will sing, "Unto Thee O God Do We Give Thanks," by Williams, and "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing," by Young.

Everyone is invited to attend the service regardless of denomination.

Grid Awards Banquet Set

Hoke County High School will hold its annual football awards banquet Monday night, with the Booster Club making the awards.

The banquet will be held at 7 p. m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are available at Howell Drug Company for \$1.50 each.

Awards will be made to the most improved player, the best sportsman, the best back, the best lineman, the best blocker and the "Top Dog," the latter selected by the coach. All other recipients are selected by the players.



BANK OPENS -- More than 3,000 people turned out last Thursday for the opening of the new Southern National Bank office here. Hector McLean, above president of the banking firm, made the principal address. Joel E. Davis, senior vice president and manager of the Raeford office, presided at the grand opening ceremony.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hoke Mourns Death Of JFK

Memorial services were held here Monday for President John F. Kennedy killed last Friday in Dallas by an assassin's bullet.

About 250 persons turned out for the service, held at Raeford Presbyterian church at noon.

Thousands of other Raeford and Hoke County citizens were at home, watching funeral services in Washington via television.

This community, along with the rest of the nation, was stunned

by the death of the young, energetic president. The assassination was the principal topic of conversation during the week end. Prayers for the late president were offered Sunday in virtually all the town's churches.

At Hoke County High School, students were permitted Monday to watch the funeral proceedings in Washington, where royalty and heads of state from throughout the free world gathered in respect to the late president.

All downtown businesses were closed between 11:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. while the funeral was in progress.

During the week end, virtually all social and athletic activity came to a standstill as the stunned community mourned the president. One citizen said, "It was like there was a death in every family in town."

At the memorial service, the invocation was given by the Rev. H. W. Gwenter, pastor of Parker's Methodist Church.

The Rev. V. L. Melvin, pas-

tor of the Evangelical Methodist Church, read the scripture.

The Rev. John Glenn, pastor of Raeford First Baptist Church, offered a prayer.

A responsive reading was led by the Rev. Vance Baucom, pastor of Shiloh and Bethel Presbyterian churches.

The Rev. W. B. Heyward, pastor of Raeford Presbyterian Church, gave a prayer for the family of the late president and the nation.

The Rev. E. C. Taylor, pastor of Raeford Second Baptist

Church, offered a prayer for the new president, Lyndon B. Johnson.

An obituary of President Kennedy was read by the Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor of Raeford Methodist Church.

The Rev. George W. Helms, pastor of Raeford Foursquare Church, gave the benediction.

The congregation sang "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past," "God of Our Father, Whose Almighty Hand," and "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Open House Scheduled At Library

Open house will be held December 5 at the Hoke County Library from 3-5 p. m. and from 7-9 p. m. Mrs. Lee Cameron, librarian announced Monday.

The public is invited to attend the social event and view the newly remodeled facility.

Since last June the entire inside of the large split-level room was torn out, with the exception of the cement floor, and replaced after the inside walls and ceilings were re-inforced. The place was rewired. The bathroom facility was moved and a storage closet added. The walls were paneled and a new ceiling was installed.

The county spent more than \$5,000 in the remodeling program which has been going on for the past six months.

In addition to the building improvements, the library has been completely furnished with new shelving. Citizens reluctant to see dilapidated wooden shelves go back into the new quarters, pitched in with monetary gifts for new furnishings. Those who contributed are especially requested to attend the open house.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners had voted to spend \$5,000 on the building but when the new shelves arrived it was found that floor leveling was necessary. Considerable expense in building a graduated foundation for each row of shelves was involved, pushing expenditures above the original allocation.

Town Employees Get Raise



AWARDS -- Mrs. Clayton Maxwell, right, of Arabia Home Demonstration Club receives a \$50 bond for accumulating the greatest number of points during 1963 from Mrs. Harry Daniels of Arabia county council president. At center is Mrs. D. R. Huff Jr. of Ashemont, who on behalf of her club, received a \$25 bond offered for the club compiling the most points.

A number of actions taken by the Raeford Board of Commissioners at a special meeting Friday night included the approval of an additional employee and salary raises for workers in two departments.

City Manager J. E. Williams was authorized to employ a bookkeeper, now that C. E. Morrison, former town clerk has left to take the position of postmaster. A new bookkeeping system will be effected in the town office in the near future.

The salary increases will go to town employees working as "hour men." They will be raised from 75 cents per hour to 80 cents an hour and the fire department radio men who were raised from \$40 per week to \$50. Williams said that both salaries were well below the average paid by comparative towns on the state.

The board also voted to set the salary of W. C. Sellers, new water superintendent, at the same as was received by J. C. McKenzie who recently resigned to accept a position at Nags Head. Sellers was made plumbing inspector in addition to his regular duties. A schedule of inspection fees will be set up for the town.

The city manager was authorized to purchase surplus radio equipment from the Town of Raeford at a price of \$200 provided the sum was satisfactory with others involved. The equipment, no longer needed by the town, consists of 2 two-way mobile antennas and one "squawk box."

Williams was further instructed to try to work out a plan whereby the commercial cemetery which joins the town's cemetery can be provided with water for its lot owners. A charge will be made for the service.

The board expressed appreciation for the long years of service to the town rendered by Morrison and McKenzie. They requested that the manager have letters written to both.

Other subjects discussed and tabled until further details can be developed included: 1. New arrangement for town office. 2. The hiring of an additional policeman. 3. Water meter deposits. 4. Water and Sewer Tap fees. 5. Privilege license ordinance. 6. Revolving fund for curb and gutter. 7. Opening new streets. 8. Employees retirement system.

Former Hoke Negro Held In Shooting

In an appeal issued Tuesday, Town Manager J. Ed Williams asked residents to keep leaves out of the gutters.

Leaves piled in the edge-of-the street washed into the sewer and result in considerable expense to the water department, he noted.

Fallen leaves, if piled on the edge of the yard, will be picked up by the town as soon as possible, Williams advised.

Hoke Clubwomen Are Given Awards

Three cash awards were given and two speakers heard when the Hoke County Home Demonstration Club Achievement Day was held Thursday at the Civic Center.

The Rev. Judson Lennon, missionary to Thailand, a pinch hitter for the scheduled speaker, K. A. MacDonald, who was ill, captivated the audience with stories of Thailand's living conditions, climate and its people.

The second -- an unexpected speaker -- was Judge Richardson Preyer of Greensboro, candidate for nomination for governor, who spoke briefly on politics. He talked on the importance of women in politics.

Mrs. Clayton Maxwell of Milldouson Club was named winner

Bridgers came immediately to the sheriff's office and turned himself in. He told Deputies Jesse Lee and Alex Norton that he shot the man with a .38 pistol, hitting him in the shoulder. The victim was given medical treatment.

Winners in the dress revue were Mrs. Paul Heath, Rockfish, first; Mrs. E. H. Baldwin, Ashemont, second, and Mrs. H. A. McKenzie third. Miss Flora McDonald, retired Moore County home agent, acted as judge for the revue and presented the cash awards.

A prize offered the club who decorated the most attractive table for the Achievement Day luncheon went to Phillippi. The judge was Mrs. Janey Ramsey, retired agent from Marshall.

IN LOCAL SCHOOL

Raeford Has Special Education Class

LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

When the state's experimental program designed to reduce the staggering number of school drop-outs is launched next year, some of the teaching methods will be the same as those being used here in the "special education" classes.

The new program will be based on ungraded and multi-graded instruction, reduction in class size and the use of specialized personnel.

Some of the ideas to be employed are ultra modern and some date back to the 1890s when every child went through his own books as fast as his ability allowed, regardless of what his classmates were doing.

Governor Terry Sanford is concerned over the fact that there were 24,000 pupils who stopped before finishing high school in North Carolina last

year. The percentage of drop-outs in lower grades was even greater before special education teaching was inaugurated 15 years ago.

There are, and always have been, children in primary, elementary and high schools who could not legitimately pass from one grade to another because they were slow to learn in one subject.

Under the present system (special education classes excluded) some students move up the ladder without gaining the basic knowledge they need on each of their subjects. This eventually results in complete inability to comprehend the weak subjects. Discouragement follows -- then the drop-out.

Today, through individual tutoring in special education classes, can be

pressed forward as fast as their ability allows in the particular category where their talents lie.

Raeford and Hoke County were fortunate in having had aggressive leaders who got local schools in on the bandwagon from the start. Through their influential efforts, the state allotted a teacher for the program to the J. W. McLaughlin School the second year of the experiment.

Miss Catherine Shepherd was the first teacher. She was followed by Mrs. J. L. Warner. Mrs. L. W. Turner has taught the class for the past eight years.

A teacher for this purpose was eventually added at the Raeford Elementary School and at Upchurch. In September of this year, a second one was added at Upchurch, making four in the county. Others are

actually needed, Mrs. Tom Cameron, school supervisor, said.

Mrs. Turner has 18 pupils (her quota) who for one psychological reason or another find it difficult to master all the subjects required to keep in pace at regular grade school.

Many of the children falling in this bracket have trouble learning to read, Mrs. Turner pointed out. This thwarts their chances of learning other subject matter. For instance, a child who is finding arithmetic more or less easy will be hampered when he reaches the level of stated problems.

Some can learn to read, but find arithmetic impossible. Others find they do not have the co-ordination needed for writing.

Most children are good at doing things with their hands.