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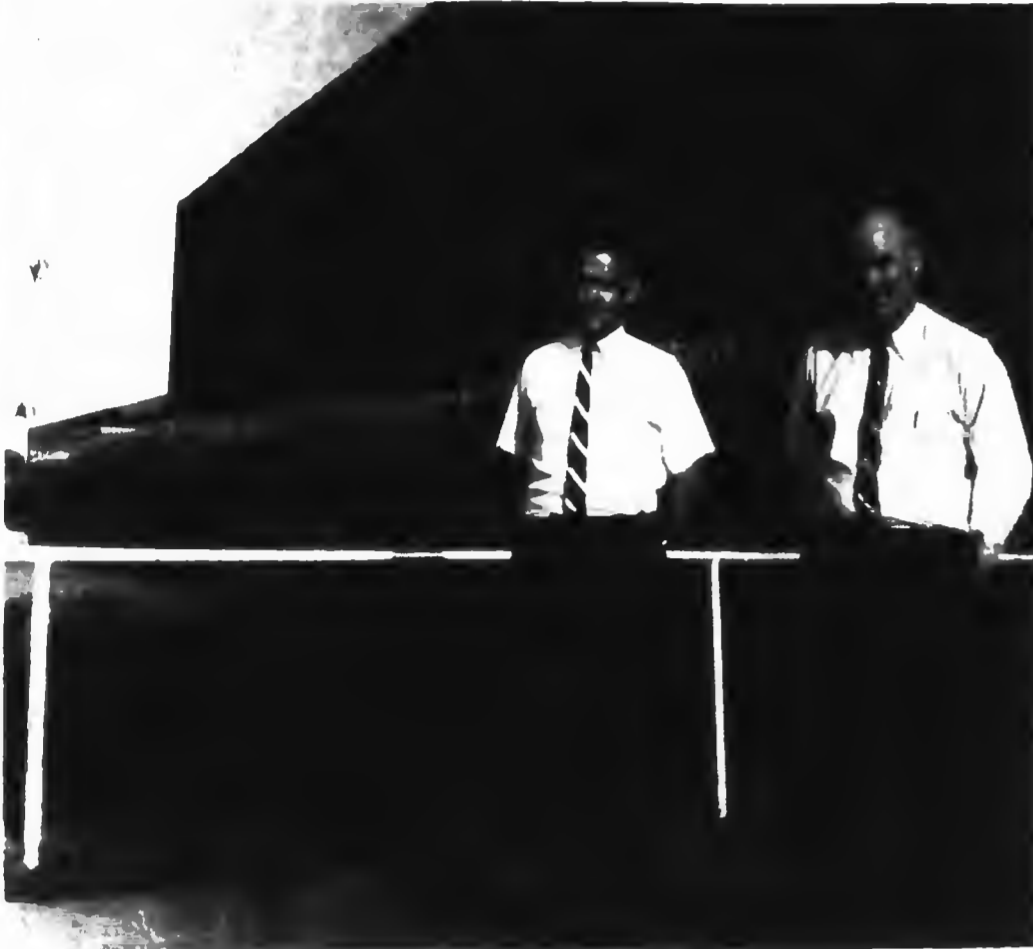
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Teal, Willcox Lead Town Election



PLANT MANAGERS—Managers of the two local plants of Burlington Industries, which spent \$4 million in expansion programs here last year, are shown in front of Raeford Worsted Plant, largest of its kind in the world. They are Edmund Murray, left, manager of the worsted plant, and George Willcox, manager of Pacific Mills Dyeing Plant here. Both plants are under a single roof.

★★★★★★ Man Dies In Freak Accident Maxwell Falls Off Grader

Oscar Benton Maxwell, 59, of Raeford Rt. 2, was killed Tuesday morning in a freak motor grader accident near Duffy's Crossroads in southern Hoke County.

Maxwell, a long-time construction man in this area, apparently suffered an attack or seizure as he drove the grader along a rural paved road, according to Sheriff Dave Barrington.

Barrington said the grader left the road and turned into a field. After traveling some 100 feet into the field, Maxwell fell off the machine and was run over by a rear wheel of the heavy equipment, according to Barrington.

He said the grader kept circling in the field until Martin Jacobs, who was working in another field nearby, stopped it.

The sheriff said Jacobs told him he observed the motor grader pass the field in which he was working and saw it turn off the road. When it kept circling in the field, Jacobs said he went to investigate and discovered the accident.

Coroner Frank Crumpler ruled the death accidental, although investigators said it was impossible for them to tell whether death was the result of a heart attack or from Maxwell.

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WINNERS—R. Palmer Willcox, left, and Franklin Teal were winners in their initial bid for election Tuesday. Teal topped the ballot in a 13-man race for the town board of commissioners, while Willcox shared a tie for second place. Three incumbents, J. D. McMillian, John K. McNeill Jr. and C. P. Kinlaw, won the remaining three seats.

Both Are Newcomers To Politics

Political newcomers Franklin R. Teal and R. Palmer Willcox led the balloting Tuesday in a 13-man race for the Raeford town board.

Teal, 32-year-old manager of Southern National Bank's installment loan department here, led the ticket with 242 votes. Willcox, a young attorney, shared second spot with incumbent John K. McNeill, Jr., polling 230 votes.

Incumbents J. D. McMillian, and C. P. Kinlaw won the other two seats. McMillian, seeking a fourth term, polled 215 votes and Kinlaw won a third term with 170.

Incumbent W. L. Alexander, who has served two terms, was unseated. He received 165 votes -- five less than fifth-man Kinlaw.

Other political newcomers who failed in their bid for a first term were George H. Freeman, 115; Dewey F. Inman, 114; Jack R. Morris and John W. Best, 111 each; Hestel E. Garrison, 99; James McLaughlin, 84, and Paul E. Bass, 69.

Mayor H. R. McLean, who was unopposed for a third term, received 330 votes out of the 404 votes cast.

W. L. Poole, Alfred Cole and J. D. McMillian each received one write-in vote for mayor.

Incumbent Fred Gulbreth, who did not run for re-election, was the write-in choice of one voter for town commissioner.

Considerable interest developed in the campaign, which came to a head April 17 when most of the 13 candidates filed hours before the deadline.

The vote was almost twice as large as that of two years ago, when only 238 citizens went to the polls. There are about 800 registered voters on the town books.

Ten ballots were wasted, election officials said, because those voters voted for more or less than five candidates.

It was apparent early in the day that the election would attract a good number of voters.

Municipal elections traditionally are dull here, seldom drawing a 50 per cent vote.

Raeford Is A Vital Link In Burlington Industries

Raeford plants of Burlington Industries' Pacific Mills Division are sharing in the company's record-breaking capital investments, according to company officials.

Investments at the local Raeford Worsted Plant and Pacific Mills Dyeing Plant alone totaled \$4 million during the past year.

The program of modernization included two additions

totaling 63,000 square feet of plant floor space -- 30,000 square feet for machinery additions and another 33,000 square feet for warehouse space.

The result was a 10 per cent increase in employees at the two local plants, bringing the total payroll to about 1,500. It also added facilities to an operation which ranks as the largest worsted mill in the world.

The modernized dyeing facilities prompted Burlington to establish the Pacific Mills Dyeing Plant as a separate local operation, according to M. E. Sibley, manager of the Raeford Group and manufacturing manager for all Pacific yarn and weaving plants.

This facility provides dyed wool top and yarns for the Raeford Worsted Plant and other Pacific Division plants in North Carolina and Virginia. New and modern facilities for administrative functions, laboratory and quality control were included within the expanded quarters.

Burlington spent a total of \$68 million for new plants and expansions last year, and will spend another \$85 million in 1965, according to company officials. Its most recent project is a \$5 million hosiery center at Burlington, to be dedicated later this year. It also will build a \$2 million research and development center at Greensboro beginning this year.

Its Klopman Division recently announced plans for a \$6 dyeing and finishing plant at Society Hill, S. C.

Raeford is a vital link in Burlington's chain of 100 plant communities. In addition to the Raeford Worsted and Pacific Dyeing plants, Pacific has its manu-

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Hoke Favors Leaf Control

Acreage-poundage marketing quotas for the next three crops of flue-cured tobacco were approved by Hoke growers voting in a special referendum on May 4, Ken W. McNeill, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation of the Hoke County Committee announced today.

Preliminary tabulations show approval by 81.4 per cent of the total 921 growers voting. A favorable vote of more than two-thirds of the total was necessary in order to make the new acreage-poundage program effective.

The Hoke County vote was 688 to 153.

Tobacco growers approved the acreage-poundage for the 1965, 1966, and 1967 crops of flue-cured tobacco by 73.7 per cent favorable vote.

Following is a tabulation of votes by townships: Allendale, 88 for, 8 against; Antioch, 54 for, 11 against; Blue Springs, 83 for, 6 against;

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UNOFFICIALLY Ballot Count Challenged

By Jim Taylor

The validity of the municipal election held here Tuesday was unofficially challenged by several persons who unofficially objected to a number of ballots being laid aside because they did not bear votes for five candidates.

A total of 10 ballots were nullified because the voters had voted for less or more than five candidates for town commissioner. The ballot instructed each voter to vote for five candidates.

In Hoke County elections, when more than one candidate offers for office, the voter is required to vote for as many candidates as there are seats available. Thus, a voter cannot "one-shot" in county elections, but must vote for as many, and no more, candidates as there are seats available.

But the statute apparently does not apply to municipal elections.

R. Palmer Willcox, local attorney, checked into the matter at the request of The News-

Journal and gave an opinion that the statute does not apply to municipal elections in Raeford.

The law -- General Statute 163-175 -- was made applicable to Hoke County in 1957 when the late Harry Greene represented the county in the General Assembly.

The statute specifically stipulates to which counties in North Carolina it applies. Hoke is among the counties listed. It also lists the municipalities to which the statute applies. Raeford is not among those listed.

Thus, said Willcox, it would appear that the statute applies to Hoke County, including Raeford, in county-wide elections, but not to Raeford in a municipal election.

There was no indication that the election will be challenged. Only one candidate could possibly be affected by it. He is W. L. Alexander, who missed by six votes winning the fifth seat on the town board.

Alexander polled 165 votes, while fifth-man C. P. Kinlaw got 170.

Alexander commented by telephone Wednesday that he does not plan to ask for a recount.

"I am perfectly satisfied with things as they went last night," he said.

Austin Is Named Chamber President

Jake Austin, local insurance man, has been elected president of Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce.

Austin and other new officers and directors will begin their duties June 1, serving through May 30 of next year.

Chosen to serve with Austin were Neill A. McDonald and Dr. Julius Jordan, vice presidents; Ed Murray, secretary, and Robert Conoly, treasurer. Conoly and McDonald also were elected to three-year terms on the board of directors as were Dr. Robert Townsend and Bill Howell.

The election was held Monday night at a regular meeting of the organization



JAKE AUSTIN

Tuttle Heads Local Jaycees

Homer Tuttle, an employee of Burlington Industries, has been elected president of Raeford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Tuttle and other new officers began their duties May 1.

Chosen to serve with Tuttle were Jerry Patrick, internal vice president; Eugene Folsom, external vice president; Frank Nichols, secretary, and Robert Gentry, treasurer; George Waldrep, Director at Large.

George Waldrep is the chapter's outgoing president. Other retiring officers are Al Burketa, internal vice president; Bill Shuford, external vice president; Jerry Patrick, secretary, and Homer Tuttle, treasurer.

'Big Sister'

Myrtle Jo Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Faul Burnett of Raeford, has been selected a "Big Sister" at East Carolina College.

AT FAIRGROUNDS

Horse Show Begins Friday

Raeford's first horse show will be staged here Friday and Saturday under sponsorship of Raeford Woman's Club, and early indications point toward success.

Four performances will be run off in two rings during the two-day event, which features a complete quarter horse (western) show in addition to regular horse show events.

Col. R. E. Barrett Jr., manager of the show, today issued an appeal for more local entries in the pleasure horse and pony classes.

He pointed out that these events were included for local horsemen, and that mounts need not be blooded animals, but simple horses used for pleasure riding.

"It is understandable that horsemen who have never before participated in a horse show might be timid about

entering," he said. "They'll be competing among home folks, before home folks, so there's no need to be reluctant to enter. I think they'll have the time of their lives," he said.

Mrs. Walter Coley, who has been registering entries, said post entries may be made, which means a horse may be entered when it is brought to the show grounds at the fairgrounds right up to the time the particular class is run.

First performance of the show will be staged Friday night at 7 o'clock and will feature a number of \$100 classes for hunters and jumpers, three-gaited horses, walking horses, and others.

Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, hunters and jumpers will compete in Ring 1, while quarter horses will be shown in Ring 2, beginning at 10 a. m.

At 1:30 Saturday afternoon,

shows will be staged simultaneously in both rings, with about 20 classes for saddle mounts and hunters and jumpers in Ring 1, and quarter horses and other western classes in Ring 2.

Three western classes will be included in the Saturday night show, scheduled for 9 o'clock in Ring 1. The Saturday night show will feature the \$200 stakes.

Spokesmen for the Woman's Club said today that preparations for the show are all but complete. Exhibitors will begin to arrive tomorrow morning. Most will quarter their horses at the fairgrounds, where temporary stalls have been set up.

Bleachers are being erected at the site to provide seating for as many spectators as possible. See HORSE SHOW Page 8

Burglar Is Given 10 Years In Prison

John Willis Harris, young Rockfish Negro, was sentenced to 10 years in prison here last week after he pleaded guilty to second degree burglary in Superior Court.

Harris was brought to trial on the capital charge of first degree burglary for allegedly entering the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Barnes at Rockfish January 23.

The state accepted the lesser plea, however, and Judge Hamilton Hobgood pronounced the 10-year sentence.

Harris was discovered by Barnes in the house on the night of January 23, and when the young man attempted to bolt out of the front door, he was shot by Barnes and held until officers

arrived. His wounds, in the mouth and side, were not serious enough to require hospitalization.

In another first degree burglary case heard earlier last week, lesser charges were accepted when Louis Douglas McArthur pleaded guilty.

He received 12 months suspended upon payment of court costs and was placed on probation for three years on charge of attempted breaking and entering. He drew another 30 days suspended upon payment of costs for tampering with a motor vehicle without consent of the owner.

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IN HOKE SCHOOLS

Students Given 'Freedom Of Choice'

Parents of all school children in Hoke County were asked this week to indicate the school they want their children to attend.

The inquiries were mailed Monday by the board of education as part of the board's "freedom of choice" policy of desegregation of local public schools.

The plan, drawn to bring local schools in compliance with Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, has been approved in Raleigh and Washington.

The board proposes to assign pupils throughout the county to the school of their choice, regardless of race.

"Freedom of choice shall mean: parents of all children entering the school system for the first time and parents of children in all grades already enrolled in the school system will be given opportunity to indicate, without coercion, in-

timidation, or threat, their choice of school and this shall be done prior to the time assignment is made by the Board of Education," the plan states.

"In the event that more requests are submitted for a particular school than can be honored, preference will be accorded without regard to race, creed, or national origin, and on the basis of proximity of pupil to the school.

"Parents whose original requests cannot be honored will be given opportunity to indicate a second choice," the plan stipulates.

The plan emphasizes that parents have complete freedom of choice in selecting the school they wish their children to attend.

The entire plan is published as a legal advertisement on page 10 of this issue of The News-Journal.

In the past, students have been assigned here to the school previously attended by that student and based on the race of the individual. The board's policy, however, has been to grant re-assignment upon request for valid reason.

During the 1964-65 school year, the board granted a request permitting a white child to attend Hawk Eye School, an Indian school.

At the opening of school in 1964-65, a Negro student was admitted to J.W. McLaughlin School, becoming the first Negro student to attend previously all-white public schools here.

In addition, county-wide teachers' meetings during the current year were desegregated.

In mailing the request for

assignment papers, the board points out that appeals from assignment will be processed in the order that they are received. They will be evaluated without regard to race, creed, or national origin. The principal criteria shall be the proximity of the child to the school.

"In the event a school is over-crowded, assignment will be made without regard to race, creed, or national origin," the plan explains. "The principal criteria shall be the proximity of the child to the school. Pupils will be granted their second choice where first choice cannot be granted if that school is not filled to capacity."

The "Plan for Compliance" was adopted by the board of education April 16.

Attend Raeford Horse Show Friday And Saturday