

## Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The selection of Rufus L. Edmisten to be the Democrat candidate for Attorney General came as a surprise to some of the big wheels of the party. I didn't have a vote but did know a couple of the candidates real well. I believe any of the men would have been well qualified for the office.

I do know that the night after the county convention, when I was elected chairman, I received a phone call from a friend of Edmisten concerning his candidacy. I told the man that the member of the state executive committee was Dave Currie and also told him how to get in touch with him.

What I am trying to get across is that the organization for Edmisten was in full force on the day that members of the State Executive Committee were elected.

I have a feeling this is what put him on the ticket for the November election.

If it takes the House of Representatives as long to either recommend or not to impeach the President, as the committee has taken and is still on the job, the president will be out of office if the Senate has to try him. Maybe this is as it should be by process of law, but it has already been going on for over a year and the country has felt the effects of the situation.

Maybe things will take a turn for the better when this is over.

This is the last week that Kay Piotrkowski will be with this newspaper. She has been an asset to the paper and is one of the best newspaper people I have ever worked with. She has made many friends for the paper, but, as any person writing for a newspaper, she has also made a few enemies. This in itself would show that she was doing a fine job. I hope for Kay and her husband the best in everything as they leave Army life to get into the ever changing world of today. With the ability they both have, I know some firm and paper will come by top performers where they settle.

I would also like to welcome back Laurie Telfair to the staff. She was with us for two years in the early seventies. I know her friends will be glad to resume association with her again as she replaces Kay.

## News Deadline

Writeups to be published in The News-Journal before an event occurs must be received by the paper by noon Thursday in order to appear in the next week's edition.

Included are meetings, church activities, civic organization functions, recitals and school activities.

Contributors should list name and phone number at top of page so newsroom staff may contact source if additional information is needed.

## Board Wins Additional Time

Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court E.E. Smith signed an order granting the Hoke County Board of Education an additional 20 days to file an answer to civil charges filed by former teacher Mrs. Bettie L. Patterson of Fayetteville.

In the request for additional time school board attorney William L. Moses maintains the additional time is needed "to file answer or otherwise plead the case as certain information necessary to properly answer complaint is unavailable at this time and further some of the defendants are unavailable and out of the state."

The order gives the defendants until August 20 to answer the suit brought by former Hoke High School teacher Mrs. Patterson. The suit charges the school board, its members and superintendent G. Raz Autry with improperly dismissing her and maintains, "The action of the defendants and particularly defendant Autry, in terminating plaintiff's (Mrs. Patterson's) contract was based in part upon plaintiff's race and color."

"All defendants are white and have pursued a pattern and practice of discriminating against blacks, and particularly the plaintiff, because of their race and color."

In her complaint Mrs. Patterson alleges her termination was in violation of her rights under the North Carolina and U.S. Constitutions and the Teachers Tenure Act.

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## Hoke Coach Leaves Post

Hoke High's basketball and baseball coach, Jerry R. Osborne, has resigned to become head basketball coach at West Stanley High School near Albemarle, Hoke High Allen Edwards has announced.

Hired to replace him is Terry Greir of Whiteville, who is coaching the American Legion baseball team there now. Greir has recently received his masters degree in health and physical education from East Carolina University.

Osborne came to Hoke High in the fall of 1970 as head basketball coach.

## Help Available

## SMH Presents Programs Tailored For Audiences

Included in Sandhills Mental Health Center's (SMH) three-pronged program on alcohol prevention and education are presentations individually tailored for special audiences such as youths, women's groups and civic organizations," reports Ed A. McCarthy, SMH alcoholism and drug services counselor.



BUILDING MATERIALS - Last week equipment unloaded building materials for proposed drive-in windows at Southern National Bank. Two new windows will be added and Freddie Williams, SNB vice president, reports one teller will be able to operate the existing window and the two new ones by use of pneumatic tubes. (N-J Photo)



Laurie Telfair

## Mrs. Telfair Rejoins Staff

An award winning former News-Journal reporter-photographer returned to the paper's newsroom staff this week as associate editor.

Laurie Telfair, who wrote for the paper from January, 1970, until April, 1972, won a newswriting award for the paper in the weekly division of the 1971 North Carolina Press Womens contest. The award was for an article on industrial pollution of Peddler's Creek. The Memphis, Tenn., native who earned a journalism degree at Memphis State University, was a copy editor of the daily Omaha World Herald from December, 1972, until December, 1973. She also wrote for several Nebraska weekly papers.

Before joining The News-Journal in 1970 she served as a reporter for the Sanford Herald.

Mrs. Telfair replaces Kay Piotrkowski who has been with the news staff since September, 1972, the last 14 months as associate editor. During her tenure, Mrs. Piotrkowski won four writing awards for the paper.

Mrs. Piotrkowski is leaving the paper to move to the Pacific Northwest with her husband who retires from the U. S. Army August 31.

## House To Get Bill, Leaf Prices Rise

Tuesday as North Carolina Democratic Congressman Charlie Rose's bill to increase tobacco support prices passed the full House Agriculture Committee and headed for the House floor, some Hoke County tobacco farmers saw their leaf bring as high as \$100 per hundredweight in Carthage market.

"Leaf rather than cuttings and lugs did earn some of our farmers between \$98 to \$100 on the Carthage floor Tuesday," reports Thomas R. Burgess, Hoke ASCS director.

Last week Burgess estimated farmers would have to receive at least a \$100 price on leaf to maintain their previous year's dollar profit because "fertilizer and chemical costs have doubled this year. Labor costs more and curing fuel has gone up from about 28 cents to 40 cents."

Leaf prices have considerable impact on Hoke County economy since more than 25 percent of crop income is derived from tobacco.

Rose said his bill is expected to go to the House floor under rule suspension Monday. The bill which would increase support prices by 10 percent would cover all tobacco bought by

## New Policy

## Breaking And Entering To Bring Jail Terms

Two defendants received jail terms in District Court Friday as Judge Joseph Dupree announced a policy of giving active sentences to anyone convicted of breaking, entering and larceny.

John Gilbery Barefoot, of Rt. 3 Fayetteville, and Wayne Edward Byrd of Fayetteville, both gave notice of appeal. Barefoot is free on \$600 bond and Byrd posted a \$300 bond. The two pleaded guilty to attempting to break into a coin operated machine at Bill's Car Wash on 401 By-pass on June 28. Barefoot also pleaded guilty to driving with improper registration and no financial responsibility.

Byrd was sentenced to six months in Hoke County jail and Barefoot was given a sentence of not less than one day nor more than 12 months as a committed youthful offender.

As he sentenced the men, Judge Dupree said, "From this day forward anyone who comes before by court accused of breaking and entering and stealing another man's property and is convicted, is going to get an active sentence."

Dupree said he was disturbed by the rising rate of crime and the inequities in the larceny laws.

The judge said that his experience in the past several years in criminal court had convinced him that something needed to be done.

"Crime is on the increase," he said, "and maybe the courts have been too lenient."

Also, he said the inequity of the law disturbed him. Because of the way the law is written and administered, Dupree said, men serving sentences for felony breaking, entering and larceny may in some cases be guilty of less than others

## Bond Issue Moves Ahead

Last week Hoke County commissioners went on record as favoring placing a \$1.246 million school bond issue on the November general election ballot. The action was taken at a joint meeting of county and school boards.

Charles A. Hostetler, county attorney, says, "We are in the process of contacting the North Carolina Local Government Commission to set up an informal conference on the bond issue."

The commission's approval of the bond issue is needed before Hoke County government may take any more

steps toward placing the bond issue on the ballot.

"If the commission approves the bond issue the county will have to file bond order and conduct a public hearing on the issue," stressed Hostetler. If approved, the attorney says he hopes all required steps can be met in time to place the issue on the November ballot.

County manager T.B. Lester reports he can not estimate cost of the bond issue to local taxpayers until he receives additional information from the Local Government Commission concerning interest rates and length of payment period.

The last bond issue approved by Hoke County voters included \$550,000 for schools and \$100,000 for the jail in 1966. Interest rate on those bonds averaged 5.4 percent.

Originally G. Raz Autry, school superintendent, asked for a \$3 million school building program based on recommendations of the State Division of School Planning. At the July county commissioners meeting Autry and school board members agreed to reduce that figure by continuing to use Raeford Elementary School rather than abandoning it as recommended by the state.

If the bond issue is approved in the November election a matching amount of state funds will be poured into the Hoke County school building program.

The state Division of School planning recommended that Scurlock, McLaughlin, South Hoke and West Hoke schools kindergarten through third grades; Upchurch, grades four and five; a new school, grades six through eight and Hoke High School grades nine through twelve.

Autry reports the high school library

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## Woman Dies

Sunday evening a Raeford woman was found dead in bed and the sheriff's report indicates a Moore County autopsy attributed death to peritonitis, inflammation of the membrane which lines the abdominal cavity.

The incident report indicates Deputy Sheriff Everett Bowen responded to a call from Doby's Funeral home and discovered Margarita Rosita Chavis dead in a bed at the home of Robert Lee Adams across from the Adult Club about 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The report further indicates that Hoke County Coroner G. Franklin Crumpler estimated the woman had been dead about five to seven hours before her body was discovered.

## Deputy, County Win Damages

Stanley Kaye Matthews of Raeford was assessed more than \$1,000 in damages and court costs after pleading guilty Friday in District Court to multiple traffic violations.

He was accused of ramming into a Hoke County squad car on July 5 as Deputy Alex Norton attempted to set up a road block at Bowmore.

He pleaded guilty in Hoke County to careless and reckless driving and failure to stop for a siren and blue light and was sentenced to six months suspended for two years with two-years probation. Matthews was ordered to pay \$500 damages to Norton and court costs.

He also pleaded guilty to additional charges of driving under the influence and public intoxication and was ordered to pay \$500 in damages to the county and was charged court costs. A \$150 fine was remitted.

Matthews was given an additional six-months sentence suspended for two years with two-years probation and was ordered not to drive during that time.

## Hoke Worker Dies In Cave-in

A Hoke County construction worker was killed near Lumberton Tuesday morning when a drainage ditch in which he was working caved in.

Delton Jack Monroe Jr., 43, of Rt. 1, Raeford, was pronounced dead on arrival at Southeastern General Hospital.

Monroe and three other men were part of a crew installing drainage pipes, his construction supervisor, Gary McKeerrell, said. The other workers escaped but Monroe was trapped under several tons of dirt.

Co-workers worked for a half-hour to uncover Monroe's body, McKeerrell said.

## August Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Hoke County board of commissioners, the Raeford city council and the Hoke board of education are Monday.

The commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the board of education conference room.

The school board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the board of education building and the city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

## New Attorney To Join Firm

Warren L. Pate has joined the law firm of Hostetler and McNeill, as an associate.

Pate, a native of Erwin, received his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University where he was student body president. He attended Wake Forest Law School graduating with the J.D. degree in 1970, and passed the state bar that year.

For the past four years, he has been a member of the Judge Advocate's Corps, US Army. His most recent assignment was at Ft. Bragg with the 18th Airborne Corp. as assistant staff judge-advocate.

He is married to the former Dayna Tate of Atlanta, and they have four year old twin sons, Joshua and Jonas. They moved to Raeford in June and are making their home at 203 Central Ave.



Warren L. Pate

## Program Set For Parents

A program for parents of children entering school will be held Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the Federal Building (Post Office.)

The county extension service is sponsoring the meeting to help parents

help their children. A movie will be featured.

Those attending are asked to use the back parking lot at the post office and to go up the back outside steps.