

IN AND AROUND ROCKY MOUNT

By R. D. Armstrong

The big news in Rocky Mount last week was the Sewer Bond Referendum involving the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the construction of a new sewage treatment facility and interceptor sewer lines to serve the city for years to come.

Although the issue passed by a large margin, it was indicative that the apathy of the citizens resulted in a small turnout at the polling places throughout the city. There are 16,895 registered voters in the nine polling places here. Of that number, 2,185 or approximately ten per cent, took time out to cast their votes on a proposal that had such a profound effect on the city's growth and welfare.

In precinct 12-4 (Parker School) where the present sewage plant is located and the unpleasant odors emanate, there are 2,085 registered voters. Only 352 found time to go to the polling place at Parker School to cast their ballots and two of them voted against the issue.

The response at 12-4 was the second largest in the city. Rocky Mount No. 2 (Senior High School) had the largest turnout with 405. Thirty-seven of that number said NO.

Rocky Mount 12-1 (Fire Department Headquarters of George Street) which also has a large black registration, had 338 to cast their votes and forty-four of them said NO.

The total vote, however, gave the affirmative vote a sizable margin, 2185 FOR and 206 AGAINST or 12.0 per cent out of a possible 16,895 registration. It was enough to give City Officials (Mayor and City Council) a clear mandate to move forward with the proposed project.

A Rehabilitation Grant has been made to the City of Rocky Mount for single-family homeowners in the Little Raleigh area. The program, which is already in progress in the Hillsdale neighborhood, will be under the direction of the City's Community Development program for rehabilitation of substandard houses in the community.

Details of the program were explained to the residents of the area Monday night during a public hearing held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Raleigh Road. Members of the staff of the Community Development Department and other civic groups, participated in answering questions from the interested residents.

The Little Raleigh area includes streets in the southwest quadrant of Rocky Mount along Raleigh Road to Nashville Road and South Church Street.

George A. Brown, supervisor of Housing Code Enforcement, will be in charge of the rehabilitation project.

The death here last week of James Erastus Batts, principal of Phillips School in Edgecombe County, removed from the ranks of education one of its finest leaders.

Batts' record was written in the blood of service, understanding and brotherly love. It was a record that will be read by many who will come after him in this community. The Edgecombe County community in which Batts served for a long period of time, has learned a lesson from the burning of his light on the road of life that made living much easier for the young people he guided as teacher, coach, principal and civic leader.

During a brief, but beautiful eulogy, at the Mt. Zion First Baptist Church by Rev. George W. Dudley, pastor of the church, spoke of Batts' life as one by which one's span on earth could be measured.

His was a life enriched by his daily needs. His passing this way was not in vain.

The second annual Minority Consumer Education Trade Show will be held here Sunday, May 16, in the OIC auditorium beginning at one o'clock and running until seven. The Trade Show is being sponsored by the Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority.

During the course of the afternoon, several seminars will be conducted pertaining to clothes, hair, and make-up trends for spring and summer. The first seminar is

scheduled for four o'clock. Another discussion is set for 4:45 at which time employment opportunities in City Government will be the topic. Borrowing and investments will be discussed in a seminar at 5:15 and the concluding discussion will be held on "How to Go Into Business for Yourself."

Exhibits will be on display during the entire day by local businesses and owners of services offered to the public by blacks in the area.

Mrs. Mary Edge, program chairperson for the event, has extended an invitation to the public to attend. There is no admission fee, she stated.

A young Rocky Mount man, Calvin Hargrove, has been certified and licensed as a minister of the gospel. The Rocky Mount minister preached his "Trial Sermon" recently at the Metropolitan Baptist Church here and the certificate and license were issued by the Rev. James E. Arnette, pastor of the church.

Hargrove is a native of Goldsboro where he attended elementary and high school. He completed his undergraduate study at A&T State University in Greensboro where he also earned a Master's degree in Science. He also holds a certificate in Bible Prophecy from an Atlanta Bible School. He also served three years in the Armed Service in the European Theatre. He has done further study at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

For a long period of time the young Rocky Mount minister was associated with the N. C. Agricultural Service and was stationed in Edgecombe County. He is currently associated with the Hardees Food System as a Quality Control and Laboratory Consultant.

Rev. Hargrove is scheduled to deliver the morning service at the First Baptist Church in Wilson, Sunday, May 16 and will speak in Goldsboro in June.

He is married to the former Gladys Byrd and they have two children, Carol Ann and Calvin Devon.

Twenty-eight members of local beauticians of Chapter 21 here attended the 37th annual Convention of the North Carolina State Beauticians and Cosmetologists Association in Wilmington, April 25-28. The sessions were held in the Wilmington Hilton Inn.

The opening session got underway Sunday morning with a worship service at the St. Stephens African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and the Association's first business session was held Monday morning at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Lillian W. Snipes of Greensboro, president of the State Association, presided. Mrs. Millie B. Richard is president of the Wilmington Chapter and served as convention chairman. Miss Mary E. Pierce, also of the Wilmington chapter, was co-chairman of the convention.

Mrs. Hattie Jordan of Rocky Mount, was chosen "Miss

Institute" and will represent the State Association at the National Convention in Nassau this summer.

Mrs. Jordan, who owns and operates a beauty salon here and heads the Cosmetology Department of the Rocky Mount Center of Edgecombe Technical Institute, was named the Beautician of the Year and was also crowned Queen of the Fashion and Beauty Pageant held here early March by Chapter 21.

More than thirty contestants entered the contest in Wilmington and it marked the second time Mrs. Jordan has won the state crown and a win in Nassau will give her the Association's top honor with a trip to Paris, France.

Beauticians from Chapter 21 attending the conference were Maggie Powell (delegate), Dorothy Joyner, president of the chapter, Ida Arrington, Mammie Braswell, Van Hart, Wilma Person, Clara Hudson, Josephine Person, Lula Lynch, Alethia Wilson, Mary Shirley, Carolyn Poole, Marva Lane, Blanche Byrd, Hattie Jordan, Nina Jones, Ann Weldon, Mary Jordan, [Continued on Page 11]



I LOOKED AND I SAW

By Rev. C. R. Stone

"HOPE WITHOUT COURAGE IS VAIN"

It is a good idea for all of the children of men to anticipate a better tomorrow. None of us has been able to lay hold on tomorrow because it is primarily a figure of speech used to revive our hope. The children of men would do well if they acquired a constructive kind of zeal to improve the matters before them today. In other words, the idea of our seeing tomorrow is a vain hope within our minds. All of the brothers and sisters who are deceased were looking forward for a tomorrow which did not appear.

Although tomorrow cannot become a reality, it must need be within the mind, heart and soul of every man, if he is going to make a contribution to the world around him and to our God who makes all things possible. All things shall remain possible with the help of God if men play their varying roles with a zeal of courage. For instance, courage on our part pushes the hopes of men in the direction where sound achievements can be realities.

Courage causes the children to launch out in varying fields of labor and we are able to exchange our products wherein all brethren are benefited. If men claim to lay hold on the real hope of tomorrow without courage, their hope is vain. Courage hope if it is constructive in nature within the doings of men. If our hope is constructive, we can only know by observing the fruits from our labor.

He who hath ears to hear — let him hear.

FAYETTEVILLE HAPPENS

By Mrs. T. H. Kinney

Dr. Alvin Granowsky the reading and language arts director for city school systems in Greensboro has written a book which contains over 1,000 poems that were written by children. This should be on market and in the schools for \$1.50. You might be able to read a poem that was written by your own child.

Franklin, Mrs. Valerea Russ, Mrs. Pecolia Jarrels, Ms. Catherine Adams, Mrs. Margaret Durham, Mrs. Faye Leary, Mrs. Mollie Howard Ray.

Best wishes for the newlyweds — Miss Hilda Jean Royal and Leo Frank Dawson. They plan to reside in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Also Miss Glenda Vonita Jones and Jerome Everette Farmer. They attend Fayetteville State University; and Miss Magelene McMillan, and Lucius Charles Madden. They plan to reside in Fayetteville.

The 99th graduating class of FSU will hear a speech by Harry S. Groves on Sunday at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium.

We congratulate Miss Jan VanHook, a junior from Orange County, a physical education and recreation major. Miss VanHook has been elected Miss FSU. Also Earl Moore, a native of New Bern, a senior, has been elected president of the Student Government Association at FSU.

Students heard James Meredith in a speech at FSU's Seabrook Auditorium Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The following nine teachers have received master of science degrees from A & T University in Greensboro: Mrs. Gaynell

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a birthday, an anniversary, as well as graduation this week.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Catherine Thompson who lost her mother recently. Mrs. Thompson is a faculty member of the foreign language department at FSU. Also the Henry W. Brown family and Mrs. Catherine Williams Freeman family of nearby Spring Lake.

Did you know that Fayetteville has new airlines schedules for Fayetteville by Piedmont

Airlines, to become effective June 14, 1976?

Fayetteville's Charles Baggett, a former E. E. Smith High School and Michigan State football star, has signed to play quarterback for a Canadian team — The Hamilton Wildcats.

Miss Kathy McMillan of nearby Raeford, a senior, holds the American Women's outdoor long jump record plans to compete in four major forthcoming meetings. It's a pleasure to learn that Miss McMillan has been also named the Fayetteville Times Newspaper sportsman of the week. We are glad to hear that she is doing well.

The Fayetteville Christian Women's Club will have a special prayer hour for the United States and Canada at 12 noon Wednesday in various homes. Hundreds of thousands of men and women are expected to join in for a few precious minutes of prayer for their countries.

Read for your pleasure: MOTHER

My mother is so sweet, She works so hard though she is beat Her face so sweet, her words so kind, And she has such a thoughtful mind.

I love my mother very much, She fixes things in just a touch. She cares for me and makes me meals, And the way she is just appeals.

She is kind to everyone, And never stops working till she is done. I love her with all my might, And her lovely smile is so bright.

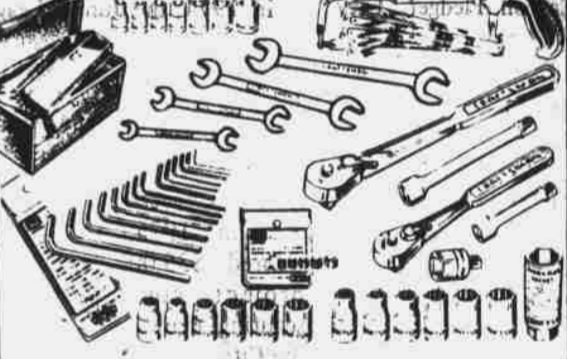
Now I must end my little story About my Mom in all her glory.

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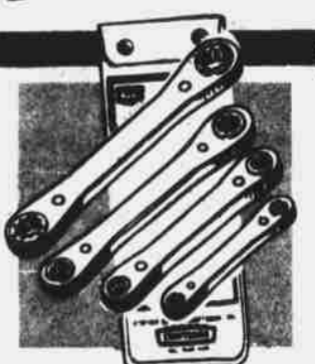
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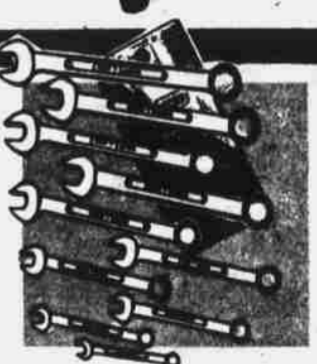
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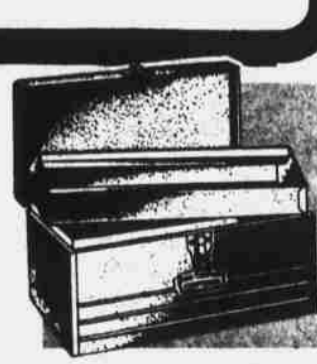
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