



THE CAVALRY RETURNS TO BENTONVILLE—In 1865, the last cavalry confrontation between Union and Confederate forces in the Civil War took place at Bentonville Battlefield in southern Johnston County. Thursday morning, 112 years after that final encounter, the 1st Air Cavalry returned to Bentonville for re-enlistment ceremonies. The horse and rider pictured at left in front of the battleground's Texas monument were the only living reminders of the 19th century at Thursday's event. Today's "cavalry" relies on a 20th-

century mode of transportation: helicopters, such as the machine pictured above that was flown in from Fort Bragg for the occasion. The right-hand photograph shows the dress of today's cavalymen—berets, jungle fatigues, and combat boots—as they marched to take their places for re-enlistment exercises conducted by General Roscoe Robinson, commanding officer of the 82nd Airborne Division.

(Staff photos by Linda Howell.)

Sheriff Reorganizes Department; Three New Deputies Hired

By PETE HULTH
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Sheriff Aaron Wood has employed three additional full-time deputies and has reorganized the Johnston County Sheriff's Department.

"The department now is at full strength," Sheriff Wood said, "with all of the officers trained, experienced, and

certified by the North Carolina Department of Justice."

He said that the reorganization "insures that all sheriff's deputies are available on a 24-hour basis."

Sheriff Wood has named Walter Warren of Micro, who has served the county as a special deputy for two years, as a regular deputy. Deputy Warren's

principal area of responsibility is the Micro-Pine Level section of the county.

Randy Cook of Benson, who has three years of experience as a policeman at Coats and Benson, will begin duties as a regular deputy Sunday (July 3). Deputy Cook will serve principally the Banner and Meadow sections of the county.

P. K. Anderson will join the Sheriff's

Department as a regular deputy on July 15. Deputy Anderson's main area of responsibility will be West Smithfield and Wilson's Mills.

Detective Division

The sheriff has retained George Edward Johnson of Route 4, Benson as chief deputy. And he has assigned deputies M. O. Ginn of Smithfield and Joe Baker of Route 2, Clayton to special duty in the Detective Division.

"Deputies Ginn and Baker will receive extensive specialized training in the near future to add to their law enforcement experience," Sheriff Wood said.

Other regular deputies and the areas of the county in which they principally are assigned are: Charlie Lewis of Route 2, Kenly-Beulah; Freddy Narron of Route 1, Middlesex-O'Neals; Lenwood Earl Joyner of Route 1, Selma-Selma and Wilders; Kenneth Smith of Princeton-Boon Hill; Kenneth T. Eatmon of Route 1, Clayton-Clayton; Fred D. Wise of Four Oaks-East Smithfield; David G. Snead of Route 2, Four Oaks-Bentonville and South Meadow; J. Dailey Stewart of Route 1, Four Oaks-Ingrams; Larry P. Johnson of Route 3, Benson-Elevation and Pleasant Grove; and Ed Daughtry of Route 1, Clayton-Cleveland and Clayton.

Special Deputies

Special deputies are James L. Martin of Route 1, Princeton; Terry Barefoot of Route 1, Four Oaks; Charles Underhill of West Smithfield; Norman Whitley of Route 4, Smithfield; Johnny Givens of

Clayton; and Braxton Hinton of Smithfield.

N. H. Parrish of W. Smithfield is a special deputy who serves as Superior Court bailiff. Worley Watkins of Selma and Aaron Johnson of Benson are special deputies who serve as District Court bailiffs.

Special deputies who serve as desk sergeants are Mrs. Robert (Chris) Mitchell of Selma, J. D. Thornton of Benson, Ricky Creech of Smithfield, and Roger Strickland of Selma. Mr. Strickland also serves as a bailiff for District Court.

"All of the desk sergeants are thoroughly trained and experienced in

the areas that qualify them to perform effectively the duties required of the position," Sheriff Wood said.

The department has two office secretaries, Mrs. Jackie Johnson and Mrs. Lela Sloan, both of Smithfield.

Johnston County Fire Marshal M. J. Oliver of Brogden also is a special deputy.

The Sheriff's Department has a chief jailer—Hugh Arthur Barbour of Route 3, Four Oaks—and three assistant jailers: Barney Lee Johnson of Route 1, Smithfield; Phil Barbour of Route 2, Clayton; and Pete Stevens of Route 1, Angier.

Town To Drill Another Well

Clayton Continues Water Restrictions Despite Dissent

By LINDA HOWELL
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At a special meeting called Thursday night to review the town's water situation, the Clayton Board of Commissioners voted to drill another well.

A site for the proposed well would have to be approved by the Division of Health of the N.C. Department of Human Resources before drilling could begin. This is the second well the town has decided to drill within three weeks. The first well was low-yielding and could not be used.

The decision to drill a well followed the defeat of a motion to remove the town's water-use restrictions.

The motion was defeated by Mayor Herman Jones's tie-breaking vote. Commissioners Dick Woodard and Billy Daughtry voted for the removal of the restrictions. Commissioners Clifton Creech and Lawrence Ellis voted against the proposal. Commissioner Bill Ferrell left the meeting early because of "prior commitments."

325,000 Gallons

Town Administrator Ralph Clark reported that the town has about 325,000

gallons of water in reserve and that the town's pumps are holding at about 60 pounds of pressure.

"The well at Cutter Laboratories, which is yielding about 80 gallons a minute, was tied into our system Tuesday, and all our wells are working at present," Mr. Clark said.

The town administrator said he could not recommend the removal of restrictions until "at the earliest the end of next week."

"Several mills will be closed next week," Mr. Clark said, "and it will be a good time to build our reserve back up. We need more water in storage."

Water Superintendent Ronnie Brannon said, "I have to concur with Ralph. We've made a lot of progress with the restrictions. If we lift them now, we'll be right back in the same boat we were in before. We need next week to build up the reserve."

Restrictions Useless?

In making the motion to remove the water-use restrictions, Commissioner Woodard said, "I can't see where the restrictions have helped."

Commissioner Daughtry, who had

requested Thursday's special meeting, said in seconding the motion, "I feel like the new well (at Cutter) and the mill closings will boost the reserve."

Mr. Woodard added, "I'm tired of citizens chewing me out about water restrictions."

Mr. Clark and Mr. Jones reported they had heard "no complaints about the restrictions." Water Superintendent Brannon said, "I've gotten a couple, but not any big complaints."

Before the vote on the motion was taken, Mayor Jones reminded the board of a statement made by Bill McQueen of the Division of Health during one of the board's recent meetings. "Bill said that our main objective in these restrictions should be to build up enough reserve so that we could rest the wells to see if they could produce more water," Mr. Jones said.

Commissioner Creech added that because of the dry weather, people would begin watering lawns and gardens again if the restrictions were lifted, and "325,000 gallons isn't much reserve for a town our size."

Clayton is entering its third week of water-use restrictions.

finance director and town clerk; Mrs. Myrtle B. Watson, who was named tax collector; and Mrs. Patsy M. Johnson, who has been assigned additional duties in the business office.

Utilities Superintendent Melvin Wall received a 10-percent salary hike "to bring his pay in line with other superintendents in the town's classification and pay plan," Mr. Talton explained.

Three police officers received 10-percent salary increases to bring them "in step" with the proper classification following promotions, Mr. Talton said. They are Lieutenants Ronald W. Lee and Walter C. Stanley and Patrolman Edward L. Miller.

The town manager also received a pay increase of about 5 percent. Since his salary is negotiable, he is not listed in the town's job classification and pay plan.

Promotions For Some

Smithfield Adopts Budget; Salaries Reflect Changes

By PETE HULTH
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Smithfield's commissioners adopted a \$6,498,836 budget for fiscal 1977-78 Tuesday night that retains the 70-cent tax rate while providing 5-percent "cost-of-living" salary increases for town employees.

Some town employees received more than the "cost-of-living" pay hike, Town Manager Hugh C. Talton explained, because of promotions and reorganization that placed them in "proper grade" in the town's job classification and pay plan.

Three employees in administration received salary increases of about 10 percent because of reorganization in that department necessitated by the retirement of Finance Director Nui G. Edgerton. They are: Robert E. Plowman, who was promoted from tax collector to



GEORGE MAST LEAVES BOARD—George B. Mast (right) of Smithfield was given an engraved plaque Thursday when he stepped down as chairman of the Johnston County Board of Social Services. Making the presentation was County Commissioner Howard Benton (left), a member of the Board of Social Services. Mr. Mast has been a board member since July 1972 and chairman since July 1973. Donald Morrison, the county's director of social services, noted in a letter to Mr. Mast that the department's welfare caseload has declined under the retiring chairman's leadership. Mr. Morrison added: "My association with you since January 1976 (when Mr. Morrison was employed) has been the most rewarding experience of my professional career." (Staff photo by Pete Hulth.)

But Program Continues

Selma's Crossroads House Has Closed

By DORIS CANNON
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The Crossroads House for alcoholic recovery in Selma—operated by Johnston-Lee Community Action—closed Thursday.

Joe Holt, director of Community Action's Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program, explained: "We will be

providing the same services as in the past with headquarters in the Community Action building (in Smithfield), we will be concentrating on supporting the Johnston County Mental Health Center's alcoholism program."

The lease on the Selma Crossroads House was up at the end of June, and the owner wanted to lease it to a business. So Community Action was faced with seeking another site or helping the Mental Health Center with field work. It chose the latter.

"The Crossroads House was serving a lot of people in Selma," said Mr. Holt, "but the new plan will give us a chance to reach people all over the county."

He said \$3,000 saved annually on lease money will be used for transportation to reach clients in rural areas. "We also plan to try to reach that element of society which has not been getting the attention it should—women alcoholics," he said.

The program will operate with a \$7,361 grant from Mental Health and a \$29,000 grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The Crossroads House opened in February 1972 and was the first and only facility of its kind in the county. It was established through the efforts of Paul Keller, retired executive director of Johnston-Lee Community Action, and Eleanor Parker, former director of Community Action's Alcohol Recovery Program.

Mr. Holt said, "The Crossroads House will continue in the spirit in which it was founded—it will only be minus that building in Selma."

Bell Ringing On The Fourth

A Fourth of July tradition will be repeated at noon Monday: the ringing of the bells at the Coats Country Museum and Bell Tower in Pleasant Grove Township. The museum is located on Secondary Road 1309 about a mile south of Highway 210 between the Harnett County line and Highway 50.