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## Art Show Tuesday

A lot of artistic hoopla is scheduled for Hoke County next week as prominent N. C. artist Jack Berkman comes to town to open a unique "show" in the Main Street stores.

The opening of the show has been set for 10 a. m. next Tuesday morning at Niven's Appliance, and Art Show Chairman Mrs. James L. Warner announced that the featured speaker would be Roy Wilder, Assistant Director of the N.C. Department of Conservation and Development.

In the brief opening ceremonies, Berkman will be presented with a plaque from the Merchants Division of the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor H. R. (Hoch) McLean will read a humorous proclamation announcing "Be Kind To Starving Artists Week."

The humorous proclamation states, in part, that "artists are overworked and underpaid, die alone in attics at the age of 30 and are usually not appreciated until years after their deaths, at which time their canvases suddenly take on a value of thousands of dollars."

The most expensive paintings in the Berkman show are priced at \$250. The show has just finished a 2-weeks stay at Wake Forest College and prior to that was at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill for four weeks.

Not only will the artist's "Down East Faces" be on display in many of the Raeford stores, but the artist himself will be in the County the entire week visiting all schools and talking to several civic groups.

The Main Street Art Show is sponsored by the Fine Arts Department of the Raeford Women's Club and the News-Journal, in cooperation with the Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Complete details including a listing of where the paintings will be placed, is in the advertisement elsewhere in today's N-J.

The show will close a week from this coming Saturday. Sponsors hope to make it an annual affair.

# Town Board Approves Tax Hike; Rate Up 12¢ For Sewage Bonds



All Right Everybody, Just Calm Down And Relax Now -- 'Cause That Election Is Two Weeks Away!

## Record Attendance At Precinct Meets

A flurry of opposition showed at three Democratic precinct meetings held in Raeford last Saturday, but when the smoke cleared, the incumbent nominees had been elected who were favorable to the continued County chairmanship of Sam Morris.

The apparent leader of the group that wanted to remove Morris was Attorney Charles Hostetler, whose candidate to replace the present County Chairman was another Raeford attorney, H. D. Harrison.

A record attendance was reported for the Raeford meetings, with Attorney Hostetler commenting: "I've been to County Conventions that didn't have this many people!"

About 25 citizens attended the meeting of Raeford #1 while perhaps 35 attended the session of Raeford #2.

Motives for the opposition appeared to be mixed, ranging from dissatisfaction with the way Morris has handled Party chores to the idea of some supporters of Dr. I Beverly Lake that it might be nice to gain control of the Party machinery in the event the Raleigh lawyer should decide to make another bid for the Governorship in 1964.

Whatever the motives, the move was beaten back in the three Raeford precincts. The opposition group not only failed to set up the eventual removal of Chairman Morris, they also lost the vice chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Hostetler in Raeford Precinct #2. She was replaced by Mrs. Alvis B. Dickson.

The County Executive Committee, composed of the immediate past chairman (Morris), the chairman and the vice chairman of each of the 11 precincts, and the president of the Young Democrats Club (Mrs. Ralph Barnhart) will meet on the day of the County Convention to elect new officers.

Since Morris maintained organization control of all 11 precincts, it is assumed that he will be re-elected to the post of County Chairman by the Executive Committee. Widely mentioned for the post of vice chairman is T. C. Jones of the Rockfish Precinct. Other offices, including the job of women's vice chairman and secretary, are wide open with a number of eligible candidates in the field.

Leading up to the State Convention to be held in Raleigh at 10 a. m. on May 17, Hoke Democrats will meet in a County Convention on this Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Courthouse.

The following precinct slates, elected last Saturday were available at press time:

RAEFORD 1--Chairman J.D. McMillan, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Sam Morris, Mrs. Harry Greene, K. A. MacDonald Peter B. Young

RAEFORD 2--Chairman Tom McBryde, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Alvis B. Dickson, Mrs. Charles Hostetler, Dean White, Bill Lamont

RAEFORD 3--Chairman Wyatt Upchurch, Vice Chairman, Mrs. J. K. Riley, Mrs. B. B. Cole, W. C. Pendergrass, Mack Tarleton

ANTIOCH --Chairman J. M. Andrews, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Herbert Gillis, Mrs. J. M. Andrews, G. C. Lyle, Walter Gibbons.

## County Board OKs Hold-Line Budget

County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday and gave final approval to the "hold-the-line" budget published last month in tentative form and reported at that time.

The Commissioners joined the Town Board in passing a joint resolution setting up the "Hoke County-Town of Raeford Planning Board," a necessary device to secure eligibility for federal aid under terms of the Area Redevelopment Act.

Named to this Board were: David Liles, F. Cecil McPhaul, Jeff Harris, T. C. Jones, Charles Pendergrass and James Eli Shankle representing the County.

The Town Commissioners named: R. B. Lewis, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., William L. Moses, C.L. Thomas, J. L. McNeill, J. H. Austin and Charles Hostetler.

Town Commissioner John K. McNeill asked, "This won't interfere with the 'fifth store,' will it?" And upon being assured that it would not, cast his vote along with the others in favor of the joint County-Town resolution.

On that same subject, the County Commissioners voted to donate 10 pints of confiscated liquor to Moore Memorial Hospital in accordance with the law, "to be used for medicinal purposes." This is a routine practice, said Clerk T. B. Lester.

In other actions by the County Commissioners:

--Welfare case workers were authorized to attend a 5-day school at Elizabethtown in late June.

--\$43.07 tax credit was authorized to Mrs. Mary S. Upchurch for an error in the listing the years 1957-61.

--A special term of Superior Court was approved for early June, upon recommendation of Judge Leo Carr who found a crowded docket.

--The Highway Department was requested to add two short stretches of road, Dudley street and Gardner Subdivision, to the state-maintained road system.

--A request by E. P. Smith of Quenwhiffe for waiver of penalty on unlisted property during 1960 and 1961 was denied.

--Authorization was granted for payment of \$20 medical bill to Dr. Riley Jordan for prisoner Robert Ray.

--A decision was made to ask for competitive bidding on a new oil burner heating system for the courthouse.

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--Recorder's Court Judge Harry Greene was ordered paid for his accumulated sick leave up to the maximum of 90 days.

--Jury fees were lowered from \$7.60 to \$5 effective July 1 for the next fiscal year.

--The Coroner's Fee was raised from \$10 per case (body) to \$15, effective July 1 for the next fiscal year.

All Commissioners were present for the meeting which was convened in the Courthouse and then moved to the "Courtroom Annex" (The Board of Education Building). This move always authorized by motion and unanimously carried, is fast becoming a tradition.

Blood Bank Coming

North Carolinians gave blood last year to the Red Cross that was more valuable in monetary terms than the actual dollars contributed to the organization.

That surprising information was released this week by Blood Bank Chairman Clyde Upchurch, who reminded citizens that the Blood Bank would be in town next Tuesday (May 15) at Raeford Methodist Church with the hours of operation from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Upchurch said the North Carolina Red Cross received monetary donations last year that totaled \$1,551,484. But, he said, the blood donated by Tar Heels during the same period was valued at more than \$2 million.

Some of the blood products that may be processed by the Red Cross from Raeford donations were listed as follows: whole blood, frozen plasma, serum albumin, gamma globulin, fibrinogen, packed red cells, irradiated plasma and immune globulin.

All of these blood products have important medical uses, Upchurch said. The Red Cross does not charge for blood or blood products, but part of the cost of collecting, processing and distributing may be passed on to the patient through hospital administration charges.

Upchurch appealed for a good turnout of donors Tuesday. He concluded, "Many of our people use Red Cross blood and blood products. And therefore

## Treatment Plant Bids Will Be Let

Town Commissioners meeting Monday night approved a tentative \$210,000 budget that will raise the tax rate 12 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to a new high of \$1.17.

The increase came in the Debt Service Fund that leaped from \$36,000 last year to \$60,000 this year in anticipation of the sale of \$315,000 worth of bonds authorized by voters for a sewage treatment plant.

## Catfish Charm Governor

By ANNE HOSTETLER

Governor Terry Sanford, Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine and approximately 200 other persons from seven eastern North Carolina counties met at White Lake Saturday night for a catfish dinner staged by Raeford's Tommie Upchurch.

With a bow to the Governor's recent emphasis on developing food processing plants, all items on the menu were from Tar Heel farms and factories. In addition to Mr. Tommie's catfish, the menu included: Asparagus from Red Springs, Irish potatoes from a Lumberton canning plant, dehydrated sweet potato flakes from Windsor, hushpuppies from meal processed at Autryville, pickles from Faison and Mt Olive and peanut pie from a mix manufactured at Dublin.

Tommie served as the emcee for the banquet, introducing all speakers. He told the crowd that he had seen one of his albino catfish in a Hoke pond battling a snake, but he emphasized that he was not eating that particular cat. He said that his catfish operation would be in "full production" within

Town Clerk Charlie Morrison said that bid letting will be called for in late June on the modern sewage plant estimated to cost \$480,000. The federal government will provide \$144,000 of that amount which, added to the \$315,000 worth of bonds, leaves a gap of \$21,000.

That gap will be filled, Morrison said, by \$1,000 from Town Court and the cashing in of two \$10,000 certificates of deposit, saved over the years from the Contingency Fund.

"We've got it," said Morrison, "but we'll be broke after we scrape it up."

Modern sewage treatment facilities are considered essential for industrial development, and the addition of industries to Raeford in the past few years has put an unbearable strain on the outmoded facilities that are presently in use.

A "sewage lagoon" experiment, tried by the previous Board, failed badly and the new Board has been forced to a more conventional (and more expensive) plant.

But while the increase in the tax rate goes to cover the cost of the 4 1/2% bonds used for capital construction, there will also be a charge to users based on the amount of their water bill.

Morrison estimated that such a sewer charge might amount to 20% of the water bill after the new plant goes into operation.

The budget was presented by Commissioner John K. McNeill, seconded by Fred Culbreth and passed unanimously without discussion, the individual items having been hassled over at earlier meetings. Copies of the tentative budget will be on file at Town Hall for public inspection before final approval is granted next month.

In connection with sewage problems, a delegation of Negroes headed by Elbert (Preacher) Bethea -- he of the magnificent cole slaw recipe -- appeared before the Board to request a sewage line to their section of Magnolia Street on the south side of Harris Ave. Bethea said this area was "unfit for human habitation, especially in summer time."

And the Commissioners replied that they were aware of the problem and an extension of the line to that colored section was in the budget for the next fiscal year.

In other matters:

--The Board promised to investigate a request from Mrs. Sarah McP. McNeill for a refund of her cost of a storm drainage pipe that was installed in January 1958 at a cost of \$227.

--The Board accepted a standard Carolina Power & Light contract for service to the proposed sewage treatment plant. "What choice have we got," asked Commissioner Culbreth, noting that the utility, of course, had no competition.

--The Clerk and Mayor were authorized to sign a contract with Williams and Wall for an audit of the fiscal year ending this June 30.

--Harold Gillis requested consideration of paving one block of McRae Street and a portion of Niven Ave. at the corner of McRae. The Board said they would accept the re-

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## Nat'l Family Week At MYF

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Raeford Methodist Church has scheduled two "Youth-Parent" nights in observance of National Family Week which concludes this Sunday with Mother's Day. The first program, sponsored last Sunday by the Junior High MYF will be followed by a similar program this Sunday for the Senior MYF.

The family supper, usually held during National Family Week, will be held this year on Wednesday night, May 23.



STORM DAMAGE -- A brutal rain storm, accompanied by high winds, caused miscellaneous damage Wednesday afternoon including this total loss to the car of Raymond McPhatter in the Quenwhiffe section of the County. Elsewhere, power lines were down, erosion damage was reported in the fields and TV antennas toppled and bent by the score.

# Saturday Is Your Last Chance To Register!