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MAYOR H. R. McLEAN

SINCLAIR ON TOWN BOARD

Mayor Wins Fourth Term

Mayor H. R. McLean was re-elected to a fourth two-year term here Tuesday, scoring a 2-1 victory over Dr. Robert G. Townsend, physician and president of Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor McLean collected 210 votes and Dr. Townsend got 118 in a light turnout.

Four incumbent town commissioners were re-elected, while the fifth, C. P. Kinlaw, did not run. They were Frank-

lin Teal, 316; Palmer Willcox, 299; John K. McNeill, 274, and J. D. McMillan, 261.

James Sinclair, Raeford native and an instructor at Fayetteville Institute, won the fifth seat with a third-high total of 295 votes.

C. D. Bounds Jr., vice president of Southern National Bank and manager of the Raeford office, trailed McMillan by 80 votes, collecting a total of 181. Bobby Cox received one

write-in vote.

There were no major issues involved in the campaign, which did not develop into a contest until the final hours before the April 17 deadline for filing.

The present board has been deeply involved for the past year or more in trying to find a solution to what consulting engineers term a critical water-sewer problem.

There was considerable comment by voters about the in-

convenience of voting in the municipal election, which offers only one polling place. That was on the second floor of town hall, necessitating a steep climb up a long flight of steps.

"I don't see why they didn't put the booth on the water tower and hang a rope ladder from it," one disgruntled voter said.

The brisk climb was especially hard on elderly people and persons with heart conditions or other serious ailments,

the complainants said.

"They failed to break the Presbyterian hold on town government," one observer said, noting that all five town commissioners and the mayor are members of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Townsend is a Methodist and Bounds a Baptist.

There was little pre-election interest in the balloting and a minimum of campaigning.

Mayor McLean, a retired



JIMMY SINCLAIR

game warden, solicited the help of his friends and others on the basis of being available almost full-time to conduct the business of the mayor's office.

Slayer Given 5 Years

James C. McNair, alias J. C. McFadyen, was sentenced here Friday to five years in prison after being convicted in Hoke Superior Court of manslaughter in the death of his wife's uncle, James Arthur McPhaul, 44.

McPhaul was slain by a single blast from a 12-gauge shotgun which struck him in the upper legs near the groin on the morning of December 11. He apparently died from loss of blood after the charge severed the main arteries in both legs.

The state sought no more severe penalty than second degree murder in the case. Judge Clarence W. Hall of Raleigh instructed the jury to find McNair guilty of second degree murder, manslaughter, or find him not guilty.

After only brief deliberation, the jury returned its verdict: guilty of manslaughter.

Sheriff Dave Barrington testified that McNair came to his house at about 7:30 on the morning of the slaying, told him he had shot a man, and asked him to investigate.

The sheriff said he found McPhaul's body at the home of Flossie Harris and Annie Peguese, where the shooting took place.

The shooting followed an argument which took place the night before and involved McNair's wife, the sheriff said in his investigation revealed.

Meanwhile, a 20-year-old Hoke County driver who allegedly forced a state highway patrolman off the street during a lights-off midnight speed chase was given a six-month

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Booster Club

Hoke High Booster Club will meet Monday 7:30 p. m. to elect new officers and plan the annual spring athletic outing.

Heretofore, the awards dinner has been held at McDonald's Pond.

Ashwell Harward has asked that all boosters attend.



SIGN-UP -- Gilbert McGregor, left, is shown here with Billy Packer of the Wake Forest College basketball coaching staff after signing a grant-in-aid with the Demon Deacons here Monday.

Gilbert Gets Grant-In-Aid To Wake Forest College

Gilbert McGregor, Jr. Hoke High School basketball star, has signed a basketball grant-in-aid with Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem.

The 6-7 center, an all-state player both years at Hoke High, cast his lot with the Deacons after more than 100 colleges and universities bid strongly for his services.

Hailed as one of the best college basketball prospects in the state, and perhaps in the nation, McGregor as much as anybody was responsible for the emergence of basketball as a major sport at Hoke High.

Before he transferred to the previously all-white high school in the fall of 1965, it has been a long time since the school had turned out a winning cage team. In recent years, Buck squads had won a half-dozen

or so games a year and drew only a handful of spectators.

In the McGregor era, the school produced the state 3-A runnerup in 1966 and the Bucks were district champions in 1967, losing in the first round of the state tournament.

Wake Forest's freshman basketball coach, Billy Packer, came to Raeford Monday for the signing ceremony with McGregor.

"We're happy to get this boy," the obviously pleased Packer said. "We believe he will be a tremendous asset to the Deacons. His potential is great."

McGregor, a 230-pound strong man with unbelievable agility and coordination, scored 1,254 points in 48 games with the Bucks, averaging just over 26 points a game. It was his defensive play, however, that

brought college scouts to Raeford by the droves.

Accurate records of his rebounds and blocked shots were not kept for all 48 games in which he played, but his average in rebounds was at least 25 per game. He very probably averaged blocking a dozen opposing shots per game.

In one contest this year, McGregor collected 36 rebounds -- 16 of them in the first quarter. That was in the Bucks' second game against Hamlet, when Hamlet was rated the number one 3-A team in Eastern North Carolina.

"I saw Gilbert play several games, the best of which was the game against Clinton in the conference finals," Packer said. "I kept a chart on him during the first half and he got 24 rebounds. He must have had

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Capital Case Against Trio Set Monday

A special term of Hoke Superior Court will begin here Monday for trial of three of four young Negroes charged with the robbery-slaying December 18 of a 77-year-old Negro man.

The special term was asked by District Solicitor Doran J. Berry because the regular April term, which ended here Friday, did not permit time to hear what is expected to be lengthy proceedings.

The accused trio includes Landon Johnson, 17, Robert Lee Hollingsworth, 23, and King David Purcell, 19, who are accused of murder in the death of Neill Archie McCormick.

McCormick's badly battered body was found with the skull smashed in the living room of his home in the Duffie's Station community some 24 hours after the slaying. His son, Fred McCormick, made the discovery when he passed the house, saw no lights, and stopped to investigate.

A fourth defendant, Malcolm McCoy, 17, entered a plea of first degree murder last week in Superior Court and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Sheriff Dave Barrington testified in McCoy's trial that McCoy made a statement to him admitting his part in the slaying and that the statement implicated the other three. The statement was read in court.

The sheriff said his investigation indicated McCormick was hit in the head from behind with an axe handle as he mended the fire in a heater. He was hit repeatedly with the length of wood, robbed of \$87, and left to die alone in the house.

McCoy's statement led officers to a straw field where they recovered a blood-spattered axe handle, which McCoy said was the instrument used in the slaying.

The four suspects were

rounded up within 24 hours after McCormick's body was found. Cooperation of neighbors of the slain man was credited with breaking the case.

Barrington testified that McCoy frequently had worked for McCormick, cutting firewood. The other three defendants will be counsel for Purcell. Joe McLeod of Fayetteville defended McCoy.

Judge James C. Farthing of Lenoir will preside. A special venire was drawn April 12 when the board of county commissioners sat as a board of equalization.

There appeared little possibility that a manslaughter charge against John McRae will be heard, although it is on the calendar for the special term.

The three defendants will be represented by court-appointed counsel.

Palmer Willcox and Bill Moses of Raeford will defend Johnson and Hollingsworth, respectively. Lucy S. Haire of Fayetteville will be counsel for Purcell. Joe McLeod of Fayetteville defended McCoy.

Susan Howard Tops In Class

Superlatives at Hoke High School were announced Wednesday by Principal D. D. Abernethy.

Susan Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howard, is valedictorian. Sarah Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Morris, is salutatorian.

In the junior class, Bill Senter will serve as head marshal. Other marshals are Helen Parks, Paul Currie, Hilda Scull, Ann Fitzsimmons and Mike Prince.

Graduation exercises will be held June 1.

Hoke Board 'For' Higher Sales Tax

Hoke County Commissioners are in favor of proposed legislation which would increase the North Carolina Sales Tax from 3 to 4 per cent on the sales dollar.

Discussion on the matter was held at Monday's monthly meeting following a request that the board go on record as favoring it. It was pointed out that the board passed a resolution endorsing the question several months ago.

The additional 1 per cent would be returned to the county and would be included in the annual budget.

The board opened bids for additional air conditioning in county offices and gave the contract for five units to Hoke Electric Co. for \$1,139.36. Those to get the cooling systems for the coming summer

were the Hoke County Library, two units, one to be placed in the front window and one in the rear; the veterans service office, the clerk of court vault and the register of deeds office vault, each of which will get one unit. Other county offices already have air conditioning.

Other county offices Niven's Appliance \$1,200; Lamont Furniture Co. \$1,239.85; Simmons Heating and Flooring, \$1,549. Commissioners discussed the possibility of turning the present jail into a fallout shelter, but no action was taken since it will be at least 15 months before a new jail is complete and this one is vacated.

A resolution was adopted expressing opposition to a state wide mapping program proposed by legislative groups. The

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Four Men Charged With Tire Thefts

True bills of indictment were returned by a Hoke County grand jury last week against four persons charged with the embezzlement and disposal of state-owned truck tires from the State Highway Commission sub-shop here.

The accused quartet included a former highway employe, a local service station operator, and a Raeford pulpwood worker.

The indictments were filed by District Solicitor Doran J. Berry against these four men: -- John D. Strider, Laurinburg, about 45, an employe of the State Highway Commission from 1947 until recently, accused of seven counts of embezzlement involving a total of 10 truck tires.

-- Calvin Foster McBryde, 37, operator of a service station at Old 401 and 401 Bypass

east of Raeford, two counts of conspiracy to embezzle a total of five truck tires.

-- Lewis Clayton Cunningham of Raeford, 44, five counts of conspiracy to embezzle one truck tire in each count. Cunningham was listed by officers as a pulpwood worker.

-- Charles Lewis Blacksheer, 28, of Jacksonville, one count of larceny of five truck tires and one count of receiving five stolen truck tires.

Berry said the indictments were drawn against the four men after intensive investigation by SBI Agent Gary Griffith of Southern Pines and S. G. Gibbs of the State Highway Commission.

The seven incidents involved in the indictments occurred between April 26, 1966, and December 26, 1966.

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Woman's Club Horse Show 'Success' Despite Cool Weather

An estimated 1,500 spectators, including exhibitors, turned out for the third annual Raeford Woman's Club Horse Show here Friday and Saturday apparently assuring financial success of the event.

Chilly weather curtailed Friday night attendance, but Saturday afternoon and evening, paid admissions were equal to last year, an official of the club said.

An estimated 500 entries were made in the four performances, reeled off in two rings. Prize money totaled \$2,400 in 114 classes.

Local horses won their share of ribbons, despite the newness of interest in show horses here.

Jimmy Norris, professional trainer who operates the stables where the show was held, rode and drove several entries to victory in major stakes.

Ann Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell, rode the winning entry, Mystery's Go Boy, in the local walking horse class. Go Boy's Rebel B, owned and ridden by Smoky Mc-

Millian, was second, and Little Abe, owned and ridden by Tom Howell was third.

All-American Genius, ridden by Jimmy Norris owned by D. J. Dudley won the five-gaited stake Saturday night. It was tops in prize money, \$250.

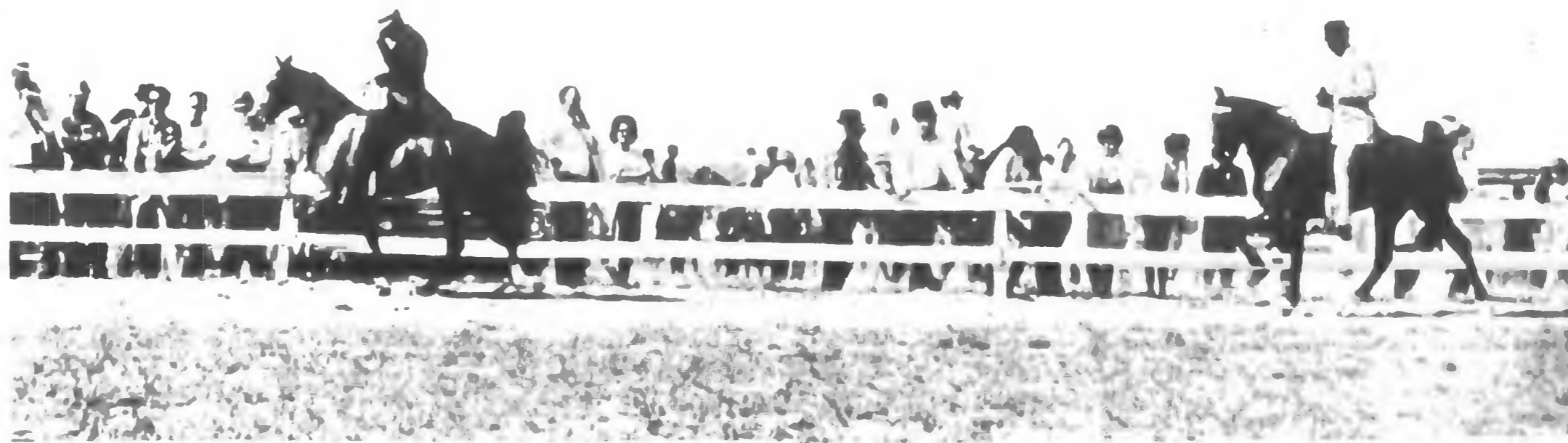
Norris also showed the winning entries in two other stakes: Peter Panle, owned by Rosabel Cowper, in the \$150 three-gaited championship; and Little Eddie, owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrell of Fayetteville, in the roadster to bike championship.

Super Sport, ridden by Kenny Price and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard, walked off with the championship walking horse stake, a \$150 event.

Miss Bourbon, owned and ridden by Muff Clark of Fayetteville, won the English division of the pleasure horse championship and took first place in the pleasure mare class. Miss Clark also scored first in the five-gaited pony class with Star of the Nation.

College Boy, owned and ridden by Muff Clark, won the

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Walking Horse Strut Past Spectators In Raeford Woman's Club Horse Show, Held Here Friday And Saturday