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Redistricting Deadlock

Senate Axes House Bill Which Put Hoke In Seventh

Stalemate Is Likely: McFadyen

The North Carolina Senate apparently struck down Tuesday a House committee maneuver which returned Hoke to the Seventh Congressional District in a General Assembly realignment of districts.

Hoke for a long time was the center of attention in the redistricting considerations as the Legislature sought to comply with a federal court order that the state's 11 districts by July 1.

The Senate eventually passed a bill which removed Hoke from the present Seventh District and put it into a proposed Eighth District in which Hoke and Scotland are the easternmost counties.

An effort to amend the Senate bill failed on the floor of the Senate and the bill was forwarded to the House intact. The amendment to return Hoke to the Seventh failed in the Senate by a 22-9 vote.

The House Committee on Redistricting, headed by Rep. Sneed High of Cumberland, alerted the bill to replace Hoke in the Seventh. There were widespread expressions of confidence that the Senate would go along with the Hoke switch.

Tuesday, the House bill reached the floor of the House, where two additional amendments were made, and the bill passed in close voting.

One of the accepted amendments was proposed by Rep. Earl Vaughn of Rockingham County and switched Rockingham and Caswell from the proposed Sixth District back to the Fifth. A roll call resulted in a 50-50 deadlock on the amendment, which passed only after Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates County changed his vote from "no" to "aye".

Passed by a margin of three votes was an amendment offered by Rep. David Bumgardner.

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The Hee Haw You Say

Wagon Train Survives Trek

BY JIM TAYLOR

For the third straight year, the annual Hoke Wagon Train has traversed the 25 miles to Little River township in Moore County and the 25-mile return trip without serious incident.

That has to be something of a record, because it adds up to 150 miles of hardship by wagoners and riders softened by automobile rides and television watching.

It is doubtful that even those hardy pioneers who pushed the Conestogas of the past century across the western plains could have done as well.

The third wagon train -- containing 47 wagons and some 135 riders--returned to Raeford Sunday afternoon, some 72 hours after the wagoners first gathered at the National Guard armory Thursday night.

It was a tired and soiled crew, to be sure, but there was not a sick soul among them and only one or two of the more than 200 animals making the trip were reported to be indisposed.

Jesse Lee, Hoke County deputy sheriff who served again as wagonmaster, reported that all went well on the 16-hour round trip.

In traditional fashion, the gang gathered Thursday night just after a downpour descended and revealed late into the night at the armory, Adams Street was blocked off and a square dance conducted, with Ed McNeill and his band picking for the hoedown.

After an overnight encampment, during which a braying jackass enlivened the affair, the wagoners and riders headed out of town, moving up Main Street. An unruly mule bolted from the train and spooked into a frontyard and was persuaded to continue the march only after it was blindfolded.

As the train crossed US 401 Bypass and headed out Vass Road, several wagons without

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No Room Left On Hoke Bandwagon

BY LUCY GRAY PEEBLES

Heated words are zooming over the telephone wires down at the CAP office, and Director J. R. Attaway says his ears are burning.

Everybody wants to get on the poverty program's bandwagon and the wagon is full. So they are riding the back of the man in charge, he says.

(The bandwagon is the Neighborhood Youth Corps summer program).

Attaway declared that the phone has been "jumping off the hook" with parents wanting to know, "Why can't my son

(or daughter) get on? Our income is not as much as that of so and so, and their son got on."

Attaway, wanting them off his back, yelled for help. Bob Kelly Jr., NYC director of the Sandhills Community Action Program, involving Hoke County, came to the rescue Monday to try to help cool down irate tempers by explaining "the guidelines we must follow."

Complaining parents are accusing the office of hiring youths whose fathers hold civil service jobs at Fort Bragg or are retired and operating successful businesses.

They claim that a SCAP official admitted that only the youth's word is required in obtaining information to determine the applicant's eligibility.

Attaway said that in many cases there is no way to find out what the family income really is. "The parents are often day laborers and they don't know themselves how much they earn in a year," he said.

"We base our selection primarily on recommendation of high school principals and counselors," he pointed out.

Kelly said, "There are guidelines we must follow and we do our utmost to follow them."

In screening applicants the field supervisor, or CAP director, must ask the following questions: "Are you in need of paid, part-time work experience to enable you to stay in or return to high school?" "Are you unemployed and in need of paid work to qualify for suitable jobs?" "Are you between the ages of 16 and 22?" "Are you a permanent resident of the United States?"

Work-training projects are intended to serve disadvantaged or impoverished youth. "Normally, no mean test of a specific monetary amount is to be used in determining the eligibility of young people for NYC," Kelly said.

In other words there may be two families, who may, for example, be earning \$3,000 a year. One may have eight in the family, the other may have three. Or a family may have \$4,000 annual income but prolonged illness of a member may cut the figure down to half its size. The need of each youth is based on an evaluation.

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July 4th Closings

Raeford stores and other business and governmental establishments will be closed Tuesday in observance of Independence Day.

All county and town offices, the post office, banks and so forth will reopen for business Wednesday morning. Mail will be posted in post office boxes, but no town or rural delivery will be made on Tuesday.

The News-Journal office will be closed Tuesday. Persons with news or advertising matter for next week's paper are urged to bring it to the newspaper office before the end of this week, if possible, and no later than Monday morning.

Helen S. Barrington, Evander Gillis Win Awards



Mrs. Helen S. Barrington, E. G. Inman

A pair of "old hands" were honored last week for their service to the community and devotion to their respective clubs.

James Evander Gillis, 73, was named "Lion of the Year" by Raeford Lions Club for "his long service and perfect attendance in Lionism. Also for his help and guidance over the past 18 years to keep this club functioning on a sound basis.

Mrs. Helen S. Barrington, a magistrate and former justice of the peace and American Red Cross worker, was given the community service award of Woodmen of the World.

Gillis was honored at a ladies night meeting of the Lions Club Thursday night at Jiffyburger No. 2. New officers also were installed at the meeting.

Mrs. Barrington was one of several persons honored by Woodmen of the World at a family outing and awards night program at the WOW building on Old US 401.

Carson Davis was given the "Mr. Woodman" award for his contributions to the local chapter of the order.

Five women received proficiency awards in ritualism. The pins were awarded by J. Ed Williams, president of the grove, to Mrs. Mary Ruth Haire, president; Mrs. Janie Campbell, past president; Mrs. Evelyn Ashburn, chaplain; Mrs. Maggie Meeks, vice president, and Mrs. Louise McDiarmid, captain.

Gillis was named Lion of the Year on the basis of his contributions over the years to the club, of which he is a charter member.

A native of the Sandy Grove community, once in Cumberland but now in Hoke County, Gillis worked here for McNeill's Grocery until age 31. He then left Hoke County, working at various jobs from Georgia to Washington, D. C. He returned to Hoke County 20 years ago and has been employed here as an automobile salesman.

Gillis has a perfect attendance record for 18 years, beginning when the local Lions Club was chartered in July, 1949.

Mrs. Barrington, widow of W. R. Barrington, longtime Hoke County law enforcement officer, served for many years as a justice of the peace and paid employee of American Red Cross. When Hoke County became one of the pilot district in the new district court setup, Mrs. Barrington was named a full-time

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Evander Gillis, Right, And Carroll Welborn