

Hoke Leaders Going North

For the first time, two adult leaders from Hoke County will go to Washington, D.C. to attend the national leader forum.

Mrs. James Ataway, leader in the Rockfish Junior club, and Mrs. Alex Norton, leader of the Blue Springs club, will leave Monday to attend the meeting March 11-16. Previously, only one Hoke delegate has attended this meeting each year.

The overall purpose of the forum is to equip leaders with ideas for becoming more effective in working with young people in 4-H.

The local women will join some 78 other North Carolinians to travel by chartered bus. While in Washington, they will visit the capitol and possibly the office of Congressman Alton Lennon.

Polston Gets Army Award

U.S. ARMY, VIETNAM (AHTNC) -- Army Specialist Four William E. Polston, 24, whose mother, Mrs. Doris J. Polston and wife, Eileen, live at 804 E. Main St., Aberdeen, N. C., was awarded a Certificate of Achievement while serving with the 54th Ordnance Company in Vietnam, Jan. 29.

Sunday School Lesson

Nothing is more sobering to a preacher than the knowledge that he usually "talks a far better game than he plays." He is aware that the moral dimensions of his preaching and teaching must go beyond the limitations of his own accomplishments. Thus he can hardly help saying in effect: "Do as I say, not as I do," although actually it is not "as I say," but as the Word of God instructs us.

The minister who holds up himself as the model to which the people should aspire is both thinking too highly of himself and pointing his people at too low a target. He may rightly strive to "practice what he preaches," but he ought to aim higher than "preaching what he practices."

This is true of any Christian, particularly the Christian parent. He ought to strive to set the best example possible, but not forget it is Christ himself who sets the example we need. Just as we ourselves ought to be continually dissatisfied with our level of spiritual and moral growth, so we need also to point our children to a level

this is ever higher than the one on which we stand.

With Jesus, however, it was different. He not only had a message for his people, he was the message. He was the embodiment of the Good News he brought, the incarnation of all to which he exhorted his followers. His preaching and practice were all cut from the same bolt of cloth. To do what he said was nothing more or less than to emulate what he did.

We see this at work in his last evening with his disciples. It is his plan to give them a "new" commandment: "that you love one another" (John 13:34). Oh yes, THAT commandment! That's the ONE with which we have so much trouble and frustration. What do you mean by "love," Jesus, and how is it possible in a world like this? Aren't you asking for something beyond the grasp of our ordinary folk?

Jesus, however, did not intend for his "new" commandment to become just an interesting philosophical question. He left no doubt as to what he intended: "even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." The questions of "how much love?", "what kind of love?", etc. were taken care of by that one yardstick he gave for measurement: "even as I have loved you . . ."

The love of Jesus was something which they had already experienced in so many ways. Yet he did not rely upon their memories of the past, but instead gave them a new example that pin point the meaning of his command in dramatic form for the rest of their lives: he "girded himself with a towel . . . poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet" (John 13:4-5 RSV).

What was he teaching them? Was he merely commanding them to practice foot-washing? No, he was giving them "an example" of the love which was implicit in his command to "love one another."

If he, the Christ, could humble himself to underserving, unlovable men, his disciples were to respond with no less a love than that.

"And how far should such love be expected to go?" we ask, hoping for some "sensible" limitation. "As far as he did," comes the unsettling, though not unexpected answer: "As far as Calvary!"

Plaintiffs Win \$850 In Court

Louvenia Burke and Monroe Burke were awarded \$850 in a Superior Court suit last week against Nationwide Insurance Co.

Representing the plaintiffs was H.F. (Chub) Seawell of Carthage, through whom the plaintiff claimed that she carried a \$1,000 homeowners' insurance policy that was in force when her house burned and that the insurance company failed and refused to pay in part or entirety.

Through its attorneys, Hostetler, McNeill and Wilcox, the defendant claimed the house was not being occupied by the plaintiff, but was being used for a storage building and thereby was excluded from the policy.

The jury ruled that the house was not excluded and the plaintiffs were due \$850, plus interest, from February 28, 1968 until paid.

Notice of appeal was filed. Appeal bond was set at \$200. In the matter of James C. Lentz, plaintiff, versus Jack Hayes Lentz to determine the correct status of a land option, the defendant won ownership of the option and plaintiff filed notice of appeal.

Puppy Creek Fete Success

According to Puppy Creek Chief Charles Helbing and Mrs. Edwin Newton, supper chairman, the second annual barbecue and chicken lunch and supper held last Friday was a success.

In expressing gratitude for public cooperation, Mrs. Newton said that more than 1,000 plates were sold. The profit, she said, will surpass that of last year, even though the venture at that time was termed an overwhelming success.

Proceeds will go toward operation of the volunteer fire department. The \$104 collected through taxation was paid on a note owed by the department.

SCHEDULE

Monday, March 11-14 -- All agents will attend state agents' conference in Raleigh.

Wednesday, March 13, 12:05 p.m. -- Radio program by Mrs. Willis.

Friday, March 15, 12:05 p.m. -- Radio program by Miss Hall.

4-H Schedule
Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. -- McCain, Sunset, and Stonewall 4-H meetings.

New Watermelon Is Good To Eat

The first large plantings of the new watermelon Sweet Princess are expected to be made this year. Seed are available in good supply.

Dr. Warren R. Henderson, North Carolina State University scientist who developed the variety, said growers have shown considerable interest in Sweet Princess, indicating that it will become an accepted commercial melon.

The variety was released in 1966 and seed were increased

last year. "Now that seed are available, we believe growers will want to try Sweet Princess and compare it to Charleston Gray and some of the other established commercial varieties," Dr. Henderson observed.

The variety is well adapted to the South and Southeast.

Tests indicate that Sweet Princess has a superior eating quality. It is sweeter than Charleston Gray and has a deep red, solid, crisp flesh. It is

oblong, medium size and small-seeded.

Marketable yield of Sweet Princess is not significantly different from that of Charleston Gray, according to state and regional test results. The average yield was 28,500 pounds per acre in North Carolina tests.

Sweet Princess is resistant to fusarium wilt and anthracnose races 1 and 3, although it is susceptible to race 2 as are all other watermelons. It

is also resistant to halpita heart, white heart, explosive and sunburn.

Another strong characteristic of the new variety which should appeal to commercial growers is its shipping quality. Although its rind is thin, it is strong and should hold up well in shipment.

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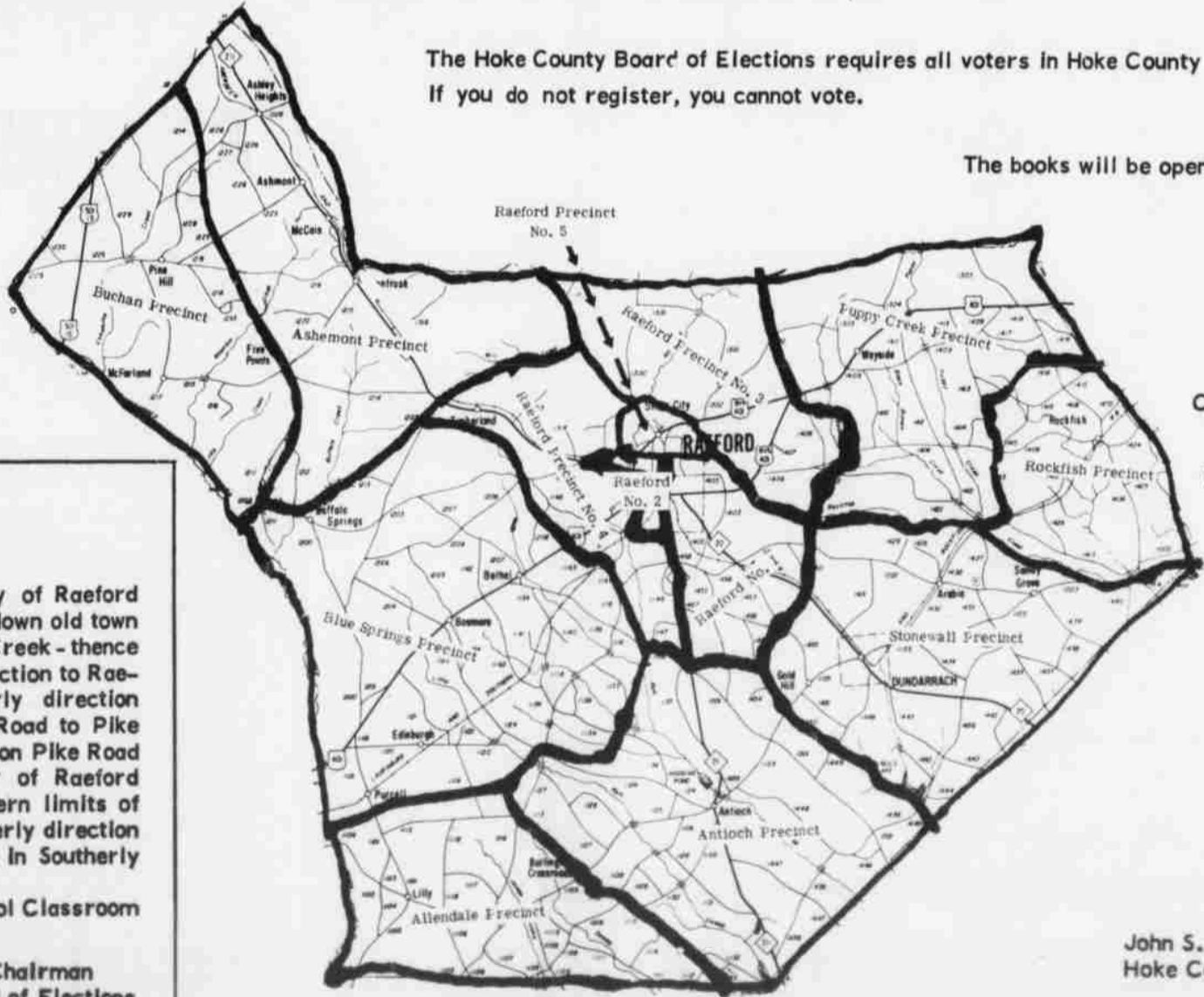
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To All Hoke County Voters NEW REGISTRATION

The Hoke County Board of Elections requires all voters in Hoke County to register. If you do not register, you cannot vote.



The books will be open at the polling places on:

- March 30,
- April 6,
- April 13,
- April 20;

Challenge Day - April 27;

Primary Election May 4

NOTICE NEW PRECINCT RAEFORD No. 5

Beginning at Eastern Boundary of Raeford City Limits and in NE direction down old town stalling hole road to Rockfish Creek - thence along Rockfish Creek in a NW direction to Raeford - Vass Road, thence a Southerly direction to Baker Road and along Baker Road to Pike Road at Upchurch School, thence E on Pike Road to derpass Road to NW corner of Raeford City Limits, thence along Northern limits of Raeford City Limits and in Easterly direction thence down Raeford City Limits in Southerly direction to the beginning.

Polg Place - Upchurch School Classroom Buildg.

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