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RAEFORD, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

No Raise

the bond issue.

Industries.

For the past several months,

attorneys in New York City and

local officials have been lining up the referendum.

The money will be used, along with some \$300,000 in federal

funds, to substantially enlarge

the existing sewage treatment plant and to provide additional

outfall facilities to Burlington

the present treatment plant, warned more than a year ago

the treatment- plant was being exceeded by dangerous levels.

The plant was built to have a

maximum capacity of 1.5 million

gallons daily, but another limi-tation (biological oxygen de-

mand capacity -- or B.O.D.) substantially limited capacity. Designed B.O.D. capacity of

the plant, completed in 1963,

last summer indicated the plant

was being operated at more

than twice its B.C.D. capacity.

Raeford Turkey Farms, largest

industrial customers for water

and sewer, worked closely with

setting up corrective measures.

They will include increasing the

plant's B.O.D. capacity to 7,500,

and installation of an additional

(See SEWER, Page 7)

town officials and Moore

Burlington Industries and

is 2,800. A three-team survey

that the designed capacity

Moore, whose firm designed

\$4 PER YEAR 10¢ PER COPY

Seeking \$700,000

To Be Held April 20

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1968



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Skid Marks Show Path Of Pickup Which Hit Train

How Long, O Lord?

# Hoke Highways Stained By Six Fatal Wrecks

Clement, then governor of Ten-nessee, drow a nationwide chuckle when he said in the keynote address before the Democratic National Conven-tion (Dwight D. Eisenhower had been president for four years):

"How long, O Lord, how

Today, one must seriously think about the same thing when he takes a look at the automobile accident rate in Hoke County--which is no better and no worse, perhaps, than in the state and nation in general, Nontheless, scarcely a week has passed since February I

in which a major wreck was not reported and pictured on page one of The News-Journal. Beginning February 29, the next five consecutive editions

graph on the front page.

Six persons already have been killed on the county's highways this year, and last year's record of 11 traffic fatalities seems certain to be eclipsed. State highway patrolmen operating in the county express growing concern over the startling increase in serious ac-cidents, not all of which have resulted in death. The incidence of such wrecks has been

Power Off

The interruption is scheduled so maintenance work can be

station belonging to Carolina Fower and Light Company which

transports current for LRLMC

ne on certain lines and a sub-

Lumbee River Electric Mem-

far worse this year than last, although six deaths had been

was reported in last week's issue of The News-Journal.

occupied by two young Negro men reportedly ignored a stop sign and drove directly into the path of an oncoming Greykilled. They were identified as Shermen E. Breeden, 26,

Lumines River Electric Membership Corporation has announced that electric service will be off Sanday, April 7, from to 8 a.m. in the Red Springs, Antioch, Lumber Bridge, Wakulfa and Oak Grove areas.

The foter runtion is scheduled. Earlier the same week, a 9, son of the pickup's driver. (See HOKE HIGHWAYS, Fage 7)

registered last year by April That was due, in part, single accident which claimed the lives of four per-

This year, no more than two persons have been killed in any one crash, and only one accident produced more than a single latality.

The most recent fatal accident

It occurred just before mid-night March 31 when a car ound bus. Both young men were of Red Springs and Dockery Jones Jr., 25, of Raeford.

and a pickup truck crashed at Bowmore on U.S. 401 south, seriously huring Stanley Kelly,



SCCIETY AND POLITICS -- It. Gov. Bob Scott is served punch by Mrs. Palmer Willcox, wife of a co-chairman of the Hoke County Scott for Governor committee. Women in the background at the open house held for the candidate are Mrs. Robert Gatlin, Mrs. Ruria Warner, Mrs. Robert Gatiin and Mrs. John Bailour were co-chairmen of the affair. Receiving guests with cott and Willcox were John Ballour and Benny McLeod, other members of the committee.

## Upchurch Kids Nod No More

Hoke County's celebrated "sleeping students" caper ap-parently is all over.

School officials said this week none of the seven children who last month went to sleep mysteriously are experiencing drowsiness anymore, and the Upchurch School first grade classroom has returned to nor-

International attention was focused on the children, and on Raeford, when the story of the sleepy children buzzed over the telegraph lines two weeks ago. The story, first printed in The News-Journal, was picked up by United Press International and wired to major newspapers and media throughout the world.

It told of six or seven children Miss Hazel Galbreath's classroom who dropped into apparent sleep practically every day, usually in mid - morning, and were not easily awakened.

When school officials learned of the strange behavior, they asked medical authorities to investigate. Dr. Harry H. Mc-Lean of Rauford, regional med-ical consultant, N.C. Board of Health, conducted a complete (See UPCHURCH, Page T)

With All Present For the first time in many nonths, the Hoke County Board of Commissioners met Monday by the county men for the time

**Hoke Board Meet** 

with a full force but only one routine actions requiring a vote was transacted. Chairman T. Jones was back after a lengthy illness.

The action taken was the es-tablishment of a 65 per cent ratio for between taxable value and assessed value in computing property taxes. It is the same as has been used in the

The board heard an appeal from Paul F. Johnson, repre-senting the local fireman's association, but took no action on the request. Johnson said rural departments felt a need to put in a communica-tion system for the convenience of firemen and residents to be served. The plan would allow persons reporting a fire to call the sheriff's office, where a button could be pressed to set off the alarm at the area station involved.

Two-way radios on the fire trucks would allow firemen to call other departments from the scene of the lire, or to broke out while they are fighting one. The setup would cost county approximately \$1,-

200 a year, plus what each department would be required to The matter was tabled

Frank M. Kivett, head of Sandhills Community Action Program, brought the commis-sioners up to date on the current program of the Manpower Development Act. He said the new program will aid in the employment of persons who are without jobs. Approximate \$2 million has been appropriated to be used for this purpose in Il counties, one of which is

County Dinner Meeting.

Scott

Visits

Tea Are Held

Bob Scott, of the Haw River political Scotts, brought his campaign for governor to Hoke County this week, and he made no apologies for asking for supin the May 4 Democratic primary.

"Nobody came knocking at my door at Haw River begging me to run for governor," he said, "There were no petitions circulated, either. I am runn-ing for governor because I want be your governor. I want work with you and for you... and I pledge that everybody who works with me for you shall know that government is suppose to be the servant of the

people, rather than the people servants of the government," Scott took a whirlwind tour of the county before returning to Hoke Civic Center in midafternoon for a reception and tea party staged by Hoke Coun-ty Ladies For Scott. Mrs.

Robert Gatlin and Mrs. John Balfour were chairman of the open house affair. Tuesday night, Scott spoke at a dinner gathering of citi-zens in the Hoke High School gym. He outlined the program he proposes to inaugurate if elected in November.

Briefly, his proposals in-

cluded: EDUCATION-Higher pay for teachers, at least equal to the national average, which varies from year to year. Lighter classroom loads in areas where needed. Freeing teacher of nonteaching duties. Strong program of industrial and technical train-ing at junior high school level to thawrt dropouts and prepare non-collegians for better wage producing capacity, Better sumprograms,

# New Registration Nets 1,296 Sign-Ups At 13 Precincts

The first day of a new reg-istration by all Hoke County voters last Saturday produced a whopping 1,296 registrations in the county's 13 precincts, ac-cording to J. Scott Foole, chair-man of the county board of elec-

with registrars at polling laces, brisk business was re-oried in most precincts, it lasted from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., which will be registration hours n each of the next three Satur-

register at any time during the week by contacting the regis-trar of their precinct within reasonable hours. The law requires, however, that the registrars and other poll officials he at the voting places on Saturday, April 25, April 12 and April 20, April 27 will be challenged as The april 20, April 27 will be challenged as The april 27. lenge day. The annual spring primaries will be held May

new registration was ordered in Hoke County, as in most counties in the state, to implement a switch to Plooseregistration in all 100 ms. The looseleaf ayscountles. The looseless sys-tem permits addition or deletion or ledividual registration with-

#### \*\*\*\*\* Registration Totals

	White	Negro	Ind.	Dem.	GOF	Total
ALLENDALL	4	52	7	63	0	63
ANTIOCH	49	28	73	139	8.	*150
BLUE SPRINGS	10	45	9	68	2	70
BUCHAN	17	48	3	68	0	68
MeCAIN	49	52	2	94	9	103
PUT PY CREEK	25	57	.0	79	6	85
RAEFORD #1	70	56	0	120	6	126
HAEFORD #2	82	25	0	107	0	107
RALFORD #3	42	58	2	100	2	102
RAE FORD #4	65	8	0	-66	5	71
PARFORD #5	0	217	0	216	1	217
ROCKFISH	24	.0	0	21	3	24
STONEWALL	41	-66	0	103		*113
TOTAL	486	214	96	1,239	52	1,296

voter's individual page simply is either added or subtracted from the book.

Registration in Poke County was predominantly Democratic last Saturday, with 1,239 roters indicating that party preference. There also were 63 Republicans and 5 independents added to the

Every voter or prospective voter in the county must regis-ter before April 20 if he is to be eligible to vote in the primaries. The new registration superceded all old regis-trations, which are now invalid, That means that registration

promoters have little trouble in determining who is regis-tered and who is not, because until last Saturday, nobody was

validly registered.

The efforts of Negro citizens in all all-out registration drive paid obvious dividends. First day registration sa= 714 Ne-groes enter their names on the voting rolls, There were 487 white registrations and 96 ln-

Registration was heaviest in Raeford No. 5, a new precinct

(See REGISTRATION, Fage 7)

### \*\*\*\*\* Development Board Seeks \$8,500 Study Grant

A grant of \$8,500 for a comprehensive study of resources and future water and sewer needs of Hoke County has been requested of the federal government, through Farmers Home Administratio

Cecil R. Register, county PHA supervisor, and Jim Fout, executive director, Hoke County Planning and Development Board, confirmed that the request has been made.

"The study will cover background basic studies of popula-tion, economic conditions, existing public utilities, natural resources, a ricultural production patterns and trends, and water resources," Fout said. "The finished report of the findings also will include a variety of useful maps.

One of the most important parts of the study will be a future development plan, which will indicate the destrable future loeation of residential, commercial, agricultural, recreational and vacant land uses. The future development plan will include

a water and sewer systems plan covering immediate meds (6 to 10 years) and a projection for needs over a period of 20 years. "We hope the request will be approved and the grant made during fixed 1958." Register said.

# Hoke Soldier Hit In Vietnam Battle

John D. Melton was wounded March 26 as a result of a sur-prise attack by North Veitna-mese troops, his relatives here have been informed, Melton's wife, Mrs. Jackie

Folston Melton, received a tele-gram April 1, stating that he was wounded as a result of hostile action. A native of Raeford, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Melton of Grant Avenue.

He received fragment wounds the left arm and back, the telegram stated, while on perimeter defense. Frior to the receipt of the telegram, however, Melton had talked to his wife by telephone and had informed her that he was being moved to a hospital in Japan.

According to a news release, nearly 1,000 North Veitnamese armed with flamethrowers and rocket-propelled grenades, attacked the American artillery base. The U.S. Military command said that 10 U.S. soldiers were killed in the cattle and 71 zere counded. The attack, launched under the cover of darkness by two or three North Vietnam battalions, was against the artillery sup-port base (U. S. 4th Infantry Division) 19 miles west of Kon-

ters said, U.S. infantrymen had pushed the enemy troops back and restored their defense line.

Meanwhile, the son-in-law of a former Raeford woman whose

own husband was killed in Germany during World War II, was killed in Vietnam last week.

John Harrity, a Navy medic, was serving with U. S. Marine forces in South Vietnam when fatally wounded. He was the husband of the former Patricia Hancock, who formerly lived Her mother, Mrs. Charles

Trexier of Salisbury, is the former Margaret Morris of Raeford, whose first husband, Joe Hancock, was killed in action in Germany during World

Mrs. Harrity has been living in New Jersey, her husband's native state, for the past two years or so.

Details of the action in which Harrity was fatally wounded were not available, nor were funeral plans announced pending arrival of the body from

overseas. Mrs. Trexier has numerous relatives in Raeford and Hoke County, including a brother, Sam C. Morris, Other broth-

ers are James Morris, Chim-ers are James Morris, Chim-ney Rock, and Bruce (Spec) Morris Jr., Glimer, Toxas. Another Raenord man wound-ed in Vietnam early in March has been returned to the United

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lundy, who received serious shrap-

nel wounds