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VOTING AT McCain Precinct - Harry Thornberg, registrar, checks for a voters recorded name while R. D. Strother Sr. directs the voter. The third poleholder is Lee Strother.

County Commissioners Hold Routine Meeting

The Hoke County Board of County Commissioners made a number of appointments Monday at the regular November meeting and heard reports from various agencies.

Upon the formal resignation of Jim Fout, former local Chamber manager, Phil Diehl was named as his successor on the Hoke County Planning and Development Commission. Others re-appointed were Bobby Gibson and C. D. Bounds.

Jerry Goza was appointed to succeed Charlie Hottel who tendered his resignation from the Sandhills Community Action Program board.

Diehl was also named to succeed Fout on the Southeastern District Economic

Development Commission.

Reports were heard from the Sheriff's Department, the tax collector's office and the Extension office.

The commissioners passed a resolution approving uniform fees in the office of the Register of Deeds as recommended by the state.

Paved walks from the new drive to the building at Upchurch were discussed and Supt. D. D. Abernethy advised the county men that the auditorium there was in a bad state of repair. The question was raised as to whether the structure should be removed or remodeled. The auditorium is one of two in the county which is sufficient to hold a sizeable audience. The other is Raeford Elementary.

Town Board Meets

Town commissioners spent most of Monday night's session in dealing with water and sewer projects.

A resolution was passed authorizing Moore-Gardner and Associates to advertise for bids on the expansion of the present disposal plant.

December 10th was set as the date for letting contracts. It has been an established fact that the facility as it now stands is insufficient for the town's needs.

By common consent, Town Manager John Gaddy was authorized to proceed with expansion of water facilities in the Raeford Cemetery and to hire McLaughlin Plumbing Co. to open a trench for water lines at 10 cents per foot.

School To Hold

Open House Nov. 14

The Raeford Elementary School will hold an open house on Thursday, November 14, at 8:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

This is in observance of American Education Week from November 10-16.

The board voted in favor of authorizing the town manager to proceed with plans to extend water lines on North Main Street and North Fulton Street to alleviate water pressure problems to provide for adequate fire protection.

The manager was also authorized to negotiate for the sale of an old house, in the cemetery, which has been termed surplus property.

Plans were made for the annual fireman's dinner to be held at J. W. McLaughlin School at 7 p. m., Nov. 11.

During the monthly business session presided over by Mayor H. R. McLean, the possibility of giving a firm supplying cable TV the privilege of coming into Raeford was discussed. Since a contract signed with another cable TV supplier some two years ago was not exercised by the firm, Phil Diehl, town attorney, was asked to check out the legal status of the town.

The board was advised by Gaddy that Dr. Riley Jordan, a local physician, had publicly deplored the fact that the Raeford Medical Group is being overrun with indigent and otherwise non-paying patients. He (Gaddy) added that this was not a request for action but was food for thought.

Nixon Wins State, Nation As

Hoke Goes Democratic With Record Turnout

United Fund Drive Reported Lagging

The Hoke County United Fund drive is in its second week but reports from workers are coming in slow. Around \$500 has been reported to date to Treasurer Sam C. Morris, Bobby Conoly, campaign chairman, requests that all workers make a final push so that the drive can be concluded by this weekend.

In the divisions donations are as follows: Commercial \$79.00; Teachers \$95.00; Industrial \$260.20 and County areas \$5.00.

The drive at Raeford Worsted and Pacific Mills Dye Plant are almost complete according to Ashwell Harward. He said that donations were about the same as in the past few years and expects about the same amount of money.

The United Fund campaign here has failed to reach its goal only twice in about 20 years of operation.

Conoly requested that all pledges be turned in to Treasurer Morris at The News-Journal office.

Scott Carries County In Winning State

A record 4527 Hoke County voters cast ballots for presidential candidates in Tuesday's election, by unofficial count. This is about half again as many as the 3032 who voted for Johnson and Goldwater in 1964, and about two-thirds more than the 2702 who voted for Kennedy and Nixon in the county in 1960.

In the county, Hubert Humphrey was high with 2174, followed by George Wallace with 1544 and Richard Nixon with 809. Humphrey was high in seven of the county's 13 precincts, while George Wallace was high in the other six. Wallace was high in Raeford precincts one, two, three and four, Rockfish and Stonewall. Raeford precinct five gave Humphrey 485 to three each for Nixon and Wallace.

While Humphrey carried Hoke County, Nixon carried North Carolina, becoming the first Republican to do so since Herbert Hoover did it in 1928, and it appeared Wednesday morning that Nixon was on his way to squeaking by in the electoral vote, although leading in the national popular vote by less than a half million out of about 70 million.

Scott Wins Big Here

While it appeared that Bob Scott had carried North Carolina by about 20,000, he was able to look at Hoke County and be thankful for more than 2,000 of his majority. Scott carried every one of the county's thirteen precincts with an unofficial total of 3,346 votes to 1,125 in the county for Republican Jim Gardner.

Hoke County went along with the rest of North Carolina in helping Senator Sam Ervin defeat his Republican opponent, Robert Somers. Ervin carried every precinct in Hoke for an unofficial total in the county of 3,748 to 611 for Somers. Congressman Alton A. Lennon, unopposed in the Seventh District, received an unofficial total of 3,786 votes in Hoke County.

In Hoke County H. Pat Taylor, Jr., Democrat, defeated Republican Don Garren unofficially, 3,351 to 915. Taylor was elected by a comfortable majority in the state as were other Democratic nominees for State offices. All these received approximately the same vote in Hoke that Taylor did. Elected were Secretary of State, Thad Eure, State Auditor, Henry Bridges, State Treasurer

Edwin Gill, Supt. of Public Instruction Craig Phillips, Attorney General Robert Morgan, Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham, Commissioner of Labor Frank Crane, Commissioner of Insurance Edwin Lanier along with the Democratic candidates for the state supreme court, the court of appeals, and superior court judgeships.

State Senators Win

For the State Senate in the 14th district Democratic Incumbents John Henley and Hector McGeachy won handily in the county and in the two-county district. They carried all precincts in Hoke and Henley's unofficial total being 3,775 and McGeachy's 3,731 to 567 for their Republican opponent, John Costin.

State Representative Neill McFadyen received the highest unofficial total of votes of any opposed candidate in the county in getting elected to the House of Representatives from the 24th District, which also includes Scotland and Robeson counties. Others also elected were R.L. Campbell, R.D. McMillan and Gus Spers. In the county McFadyen got 3,868, Campbell 3,708, McMillan 3,789, and Spers 3,707. Their Republican opponents Charles Davis, John Sutherland and Frederick Weber got 557, 539 and 528, respectively. In the district, McMillan had 23,497, Spers 23,080, McFadyen 22,875 and Campbell 22,814. Davis got 3,780, Sutherland 3,720 and Weber 3,651.

For County Offices

Joe E. Gullege, running unopposed for register of deeds of Hoke County, was high man on the entire ballot, as he received an unofficial total of 3,898 votes. For two places on the county board of commissioners, Democrats Tom McBryde and J.A. Webb received 3,857 and 3,748, respectively, to 584 for Republican Audrian Chambers.

The county went along with the State in passing both constitutional amendments being voted upon. Hoke voters favored the amendments on General Assembly compensation 2,543 to 1,242. They favored the amendment on the present system of representation 2,631 to 826.

Six Accidents In Hoke No Deaths, Damage Heavy

A car was so badly demolished early Sunday morning that four truck loads were required to haul it away from the scene, yet the driver was not critically injured in the one-car accident.

According to Patrolman Joe Stanley, Freddie Revels Jr., Raeford, was being pursued by a patrol car when he lost control of his 1963 Chevrolet on U. S.

401 five miles north of Raeford. The car overturned and appeared to have exploded, he said. It burst into flames which were extinguished by the Hillcrest Fire Department.

Revels was charged with exceeding 100 miles per hour and with careless and reckless driving. He was treated at Cape Fear Valley Hospital and released.

On Friday night, Daniel Hendrix of Raeford, driving a 1967 Plymouth, lost control on the Raeford Dundarrach road. Stanley reported that Hendrix found, when passing a pick-up truck, that he was meeting a car head-on. To avoid a collision he swung quickly to the right side of the road again, only to find that there was not enough room for his car between the car he had passed and another just ahead of it, so he took to the ditch. He was treated and released at Cape Fear Valley Hospital and was charged with reckless driving. His car was damaged an estimated \$2,000.

On Saturday night, Perry McCord, Ft. Bragg, was charged with careless and reckless driving when his car hit a bridge and ran into Lumber River on Highway 401 near the Hoke-Scotland County line. McCord told Patrolman Stanley, he fell asleep at the wheel. He was not injured but damage to his car was estimated to be about \$1,000.

On Sunday night, Gleen West's car was termed a total loss when he lost control, ran off the highway, struck a tree and overturned. He was not injured. Patrolman Stanley charged him with exceeding safe speed.

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Kidnapping Unsolved

Both federal and local law enforcement officers are trying to solve a kidnapping crime which occurred in Raeford, Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

Robert (Bobby) Harrell Jr., 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell of Edinborough Avenue, was using a pay telephone booth at the bus station when the door was pushed open and a strange man thrust a gun in his side and ordered him to hang up the receiver.

The high school boy was then told to get into his car and drive the gunman to Red Springs. Orders were dishied out from town to town until the two were in Latta, S.C. After reaching there, the alleged kidnapper snatched the keys from the car and fled, leaving the young boy stranded. He made his way to a phone booth and notified his parents of his frightful experience. They picked him up as soon as possible but left the car with Latta police who were holding it for fingerprints and other inspection.

Local Physician Complains To County Commissioners

The "impossible medical situation" existing in Hoke County is not an isolated case because it is one which exists all over the state, Dr. Riley Jordan agreed Monday, but he told Hoke County Commissioners that "it is getting bigger than both Dr. Bob Townsend and I can handle."

The two are the only doctors left for regular duty at the Raeford Medical Group since Dr. Harry McLean left a year ago.

Dr. Jordan emphasized that he was not arguing or complaining but that he and Dr. Townsend could not continue to treat indigent patients for nothing. He did not know the solution to the problem, he declared. But "time is spent giving treatment to non-paying patients while persons needing services just as badly, who will pay, are waiting."

"For self survival, doctors must begin looking out for themselves," he asserted. He explained that there is not enough medical personnel available here and "we have to leave town to get test night or day." He declared that they are reproached upon their return for having been elsewhere when needed. "These detrimental remarks also are directed to our children and our wives," he declared.

"I don't feel it our Christian duty to serve these people, it is a Christian privilege," the doctor thoughtfully declared, "but the demands are bigger than the two of us can cope with."

He said that he felt an obligation to the public but that there is a stopping place within reason.

There should be a strong movement by some individual, public agency or organization to bring more medical people here, Dr. Jordan said.

He pointed out that he had brought several good doctors here, naming Dr. Jones, Dr. Davenport, Dr. McLean, Dr. Barry, but Hoke County and the town had let them go. "We have the facilities to entice other doctors here but when they look at the outstanding accounts on the books, they say they can do better elsewhere."

The physician pointed out that preventive medicine could keep many patients out of the hospitals, cutting down on expenses of the county and the institutions. Not as a suggestion, but more as a projected idea, he said that if a nurse were employed by the welfare department who would visit the homes and help chronically ill, low income patients, their condition may be

improved before the circumstances reached the point of necessary hospitalization and even in some instances, visits to the doctor, he indicated.

Dr. Jordan remarked that the welfare department referred patients to him with papers which allowed payment for one visit only. Often an ailing person can not be sufficiently treated in less than four or five, or sometimes 10 or 15 visits.

To this Miss Mabel McDonald later remarked that she never gave a client a clearance slip for more than one trip to the doctor at a time. "But if the doctor advises an additional visit for further treatment, another card is issued."

"We have a budget and we have no alternative but to watch it carefully," she declared.

Suspicion was aroused among the commissioners as to whether an occurrence of last week may have been the straw that broke the camel's back. Three children were checked out, and cleared, by the local welfare department as to eligibility from the family income standpoint. One case was later turned down for welfare payment by the state department because the nature of the illness did not qualify.



AFTER THE RACE (Revels) - Photo By Jesse Peoples