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Commissioners Hold Organizational Meeting

A new year for the Hoke County Board of Commissioners began Monday, Dec. 2, with the swearing in of Tom McBryde and J.A. Webb, two commissioners who are beginning a new term office, and with the appointment of a number of committee and agency heads.

Both McBryde and Webb are veteran commissioners who were re-elected at the general election in November. Immediately after going into the monthly business session, T.C. Jones was re-elected chairman of the board. Tom McBryde will continue as vice chairman.

County Manager T.B. Lester, county manager, was re-appointed. His additional duties include that of serving as county accountant, tax supervisor and purchasing agent.

Charles Hostetler, with the firm of Hostetler, McNeill and Willcox, was re-appointed county attorney.

Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, co-worker of Archie Byrne, former tax collector, was named assistant tax collector to work with Bryan Thornburg, who was hired previously as tax collector and was officially appointed by the board at this meeting.

Sub-committee appointments were made as follows: Building and Grounds, J.A. Webb, chairman and Tom McBryde; Tax Foreclosure and Petition, Ralph Barnhart, chairman and J.A. Webb; Budget, Tom McBryde; Finance, John Balfour; Personnel, John Balfour and

Ralph Barnhart.

Balfour was re-appointed as ex-officio member of the Hoke Planning and Development Commission.

Mrs. C.G. Odom was named tax list taker for the Quewhiffle township to succeed Bryan Thornburg.

Other county list takers are: Allendale, Miss Willa McLaughlin; Antioch, C.C. Conoly; Blue Springs, Julian Love; McLaughlin, Mrs. Alma Lovett; Raeford, Mrs. Mary Lee Matherly; Stonewall, Eli Shankle. All have served in the capacity previously with the exception of Mrs. Odom.

The board adopted the following days as holidays during the coming year: New Year's Day, Easter Monday, Confederate Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and three days for Christmas, Dec. 24, 25 and 26.

It was also voted to purchase a new adding machine for the tax collector's office. The one formerly used by Byrne will follow him to his new office.

Commissioner Barnhart will serve on the county board as fire commissioner. Others on the commission will be W.E. McNeill, Hillcrest; J.D. McMillan, Raeford; Eugene W. Coen, North Raeford; Paul Frederick Johnson, Puppy Creek and Robert Jones as county fire warden.

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

For City Students At Upchurch

School Bus Transportation Available Starting Dec. 9th



BEGIN ANEW - Tom McBryde, left, and J. A. Webb are sworn in by Clerk of Superior Court E. E. Smith. The two county commissioners, were re-elected in November. Other commissioners watching the ceremony are, left to right, John Balfour, T. C. Jones (re-elected chairman) and Ralph Barnhart. Their terms did not expire this year.

Routes have been mapped and Raeford school children in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be able to ride to Upchurch School the remainder of this year. The service will begin Monday, Dec. 9.

The announcement was made Tuesday by E. G. Inman, transportation director for Hoke County Schools.

Bus 57 has for some time been picking up youngsters in Robbins Heights and Reaves Street area. This bus also will stop at the corner of Jackson Street and Edinborough Avenue, at Jackson and Prospect Avenue, at Jackson Street and 5th Avenue, at 7th Avenue and North Main St.

Bus 58 will stop at South Wright St. and Bethel Road, at Dickson Street and Harris Avenue, at Dickson Street and W. Edinborough Avenue, at Donaldson Avenue and Fulton Street, at 8th Avenue and Fulton Street.

Buses 60, 8, 29 and 38 will pick up Raeford children, bound for Upchurch, from Raeford Elementary School.

All children picked up at street corners should be at the station nearest their home at 7:45 until drivers have run the route to be able to establish a time for each stop.

Upchurch Auditorium Could Be Repaired

Raeford's largest auditorium may be saved after all, Supt. D. D. Abernethy reported this week.

The superintendent said that architects had examined the crumbling roof of the Upchurch School building and had found that the walls, contrary to a former opinion, were not weakened when the trusses gave way. He told county commissioners that architects had determined that the roof could be removed and the broken, wooden bow string trusses replaced with steel ones.

Abernethy said that he did not know how much the project would cost but that he was of the opinion that the board of education would authorize contractors to give an estimate on the cost.

He further stated that he did not know where funds would come from for the project unless the sum could be borrowed against retired bond payments. Ordinarily 75 percent of the payments can be borrowed, however, county auditor, T. B. Lester, said that the Local Government Commission must approve the debt before such a move could be made.

Abernethy also informed the commissioners that Highway Commissioner John F. McNair III had indicated that he would be agreeable if

the county commissioners would pass a resolution to close down that part of Bethel Road where children must cross in going from Hoke High School to Gibson School for change of classes.

That part of the road would be closed to traffic from 8:30 a. m. to 3:10 p. m. A resolution was passed by the county commissioners approving the request which was made by the school several weeks ago.

Free Food Program Discussed

The list of clients in the surplus food program is growing longer as it always does about this time of year, according to a discussion held Monday between the Hoke County commissioners and extension personnel.

The subject arose when Miss Josephine Hall reported that the home agents were giving out recipes which would help recipients of dried foods and canned meats use the products in a variety of tasty dishes.

She said that since many of the low income housewives were unable to follow recipes, because of illiteracy, the sub-professional worker in the extension office was going out and showing them how to make French toast with dried eggs and Welsh rarebit with dried milk.

A question was posed as to whether distribution of free food was better than giving food stamps which cost the recipient about one-fourth of the entire

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Meeting At Courthouse Opening Of Bids To Draw Over 60 Representatives

Plans are in the making for a well attended meeting on Dec. 10, at 2 p. m. when bids are opened on the Waste Treatment Plant expansion project.

According to the considerable response since bids were advertised for recently, some 60 representatives from various bidding firms are expected to be present. The meeting place was moved from Town Hall to the Hoke County Courthouse, Monday night when the town councilmen, holding the regular December meeting agreed that a larger meeting place must be found.

During the session, presided over by Mayor H. R. McLean, the board voted to request that Rep. Neill McFadyen present a bill to the General Assembly next spring

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which would change the official name of Raeford from the Town of Raeford to the City of Raeford.

A resolution was made to raise volunteer fireman rate of pay from \$1 each for a daytime fire and \$1.50 for each night fire to \$2 per fire day or night. Town Manager John Gaddy emphasized that the firemen do not receive this pay but that it is placed in a Fireman's Relief Fund.

It was also voted to request REA to install three service lights in the Pinewood subdivision at a cost of \$3 each to the town.

A bonus of 1 percent of the annual salary (or a minimum of \$10) was established for town employees and it was decided that the town office would close at noon on Dec. 24 for Christmas and would re-open on Friday, Dec. 27.

The council accepted resignation of Roger Dixon as member of Raeford Planning Board. J. H. Austin was appointed to succeed him.

Gaddy reported that the current street-paving project has been completed and that since there is still some Powell Bill money on hand, bids will be called for in the spring for other paving projects.

Shiloh Church Burns Note

Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Rt. 3, Raeford, held a Church Supper and Note-burning ceremony last Sunday night, Dec. 1st, commemorating the end of indebtedness on the Christian Education building built in 1965.

The Educational Building provides a fellowship hall, kitchen, rooms for four Church School classes, and an office for the Church School Secretary. The

building adjoins the Sanctuary and classrooms built in the 1920's and recently renovated.

Burning the note were elder Albert Seaford, Building Fund Treasurer, Mrs. D. R. Huff, Jr., and Planning Committee Chairman Harry Thornberg.

After a traditionally delicious and plentiful covered-dish meal served by the ladies of the Church, Dr. Cheves Ligon of Fayetteville brought congratulations from the Churches of Fayetteville Presbytery. Dr. Ligon is Executive Secretary of the Presbytery.

Special guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Baucom, under whom the Building Planning Committee was organized in 1963. Mr. Baucom is now pastor of the Midway and Pembroke Presbyterian Churches near Maxton. The present pastor, Allan Smyth, challenged the congregation to use the debt-free building in the service of God and the community.

The Building Committee for the \$20,000 addition was appointed in 1963, with D. R. Huff, Jr., as chairman. Shiloh Church was organized in 1889. The Church originally met in a frame building several miles south of the present site on Highway 211 West of Raeford. The Bank of Raeford President and Mrs. R. B. Lewis and other guests attended the supper and watched the note-burning.

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PROUD PRESBYTERIANS - Shiloh Presbyterians held note burning ceremonies Sunday night to show pride in and thankfulness for their debt free new education building. The two-story structure is seen at the rear of the church where outside steps lead to the upper floor. The door beneath enters a fellowship hall.

Christmas Parade Friday

The annual Christmas Parade will be held in Raeford on Friday beginning at 5 p.m.

Santa is expected to arrive in town on a surry, accompanied by three hands and several other marching units.

A visiting band will be here from Seventy-First High School. Raeford High School Band and Upchurch Band will also supply Christmas music, attractive majorettes and additional thrills for the children as procession progresses down Main Street. Starting point will be at the old airport.

The line-up will consist also of town and county officials, boy and girl scout troops, as well as Brownie troops, cheer leaders, and Chamber manager Harold Gillis said, there is expected to be some clowns and other comical attractions.

All Raeford stores will be open after the parade until 8 p.m.

Chamber Mgr. Plans Dinner For Legislators

Another dinner for politicians and those interested in politics will be held in February, Harold Gillis, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, told Hoke County Commissioners, Monday.

Some 40 to 50 men and women gathered for a luncheon to honor Congressman Alton Lennon in November prior to his returning to Washington. This time local senators and representatives will be given a "send-off" before the

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Bloodmobile Here Today

Today is Bloodmobile day. Clyde Upchurch, Red Cross chairman, said that Hoke County has been a member of the Piedmont Carolinas Red Cross Blood region for the past eight years, and that it is now meeting its quota quarterly after falling below for several visits last year.

The blood center is this year celebrating its 20th year of operation. The local Red Cross chapter asks that the people of the community celebrate the anniversary of these two decades by helping to surpass the December quota of 125 pints.

The bloodmobile will be here on Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall which is located on the ground floor at the back of the church.

John Scott, Hoke blood bank chairman, said that he is in hopes that the early December date will catch blood donors before they become too involved with Christmas shopping to give a little time and a pint of blood.