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## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The Budgets and Admissions Committee of the Hoke County United Fund met last Thursday night at the Board of Education building. Donald Abernethy is chairman of this committee and informs us that due to an agency or two that couldn't be present last week that his report will be held up for a week or so. He stated that the requests were not much more than last year, but that the committee must review all requests before the budget will be presented to the Board of Directors for final approval.

A call was received here last week from R. D. McMillan, Jr. of Red Springs who has just been appointed purchasing agent for the state. He said he wanted to express to the people of Hoke County his appreciation for the fine support he had received from them in both the primary and general elections. R. D. also stated that he would move to Raleigh, but would be in the district often because of business connections in Robeson County. He submitted his resignation to Gov. Scott as representative of the 24th district Sept. 1st.

We know that all the people of Hoke County wish R. D. the best in his new job and also know that he will be missed as our representative.

Some of the good Democrats of the county have been receiving letters from candidates asking for support to replace R. D. McMillan as representative. Inquiries have come to me as to how the replacement will be made. The last replacement in our district was R. L. Campbell for David Britt. The Robeson County Executive Committee recommended the name to Gov. Moore and he appointed Mr. Campbell.

I was informed this week that this would not be the case this time. Since the representative is from a district it seems that the Executive Committees of all counties involved will be polled. As soon as the correct way for the recommendation is known it will be passed along.

If this county is to participate, as chairman, I will inform members of the committee at once.

Jack Bray, local car dealer, was by the office last week and commented on the article about John A. McInnis. He said that he had heard of Antioch High School, but that Mr. McInnis was the first person he had known to say they finished there.

Now maybe Jack is just trying to get me to get the Antioch people to come out to his place and then he will try to do business with them. If not Jack can talk to the Hodgins, McPhauls, McNeills, McLaughlins and Liles, just to name a few, and they will give him plenty of names that finished at Antioch High School.

If he is interested, high schools were also at Rockfish, Mildouson and Ashmont to my knowledge.

The advertising manager for The News-Journal, Mrs. Martin Webb, stated that all local merchants were well pleased with the Labor Day promotion. It was head and shoulder above last year and with a look ahead to next year the event could really mean much to the town.

The Raeford Lions Club is now sponsoring Troop 403 of the Boy Scouts. They request that all boys between the ages of 11 and 16 come to the Scout Hut behind the Raeford Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8th. The boys should be accompanied by at least one parent. So if interested go by and help this troop get started.

From all reports the draining of Clayton Buoy's pond last Saturday was very successful. If the fish were as large as Buoy stated in the office this week everyone in Raeford should eat fish for weeks to come of course, I will get confirmation on Clayton's statement from our mutual friend, Robert Gatlin.

## McMillan Appointed To State Post

Rep. R. D. McMillan Jr., Democratic representative from Robeson County and the 24th district which includes Hoke County, Thursday was appointed State Purchasing Officer for North Carolina.

McMillan assumed direction of the Department of Administration's purchase and contract division Monday at a salary of \$19,950.

The veteran legislator, who operates a Red Springs automobile and farm equipment agency, replaces Eaton Y. Brickhouse, who was dismissed earlier by Gov. Bob Scott.

## McFadyen

### Feature Speaker

The annual meeting of the Hoke County Chapter of the North Carolina Citizens for Better Libraries met at the Hoke Civic Center Friday night.

Mrs. Charles Hostetler, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed guests. The group heard a special report from Mrs. Lee Cameron, Hoke County Librarian.

Vince Anderson of Carthage, Director of the Sandhill Regional Library, explained briefly how Hoke County could become affiliated with that organization.

Representative Neill McFadyen, featured speaker of the evening, was introduced by Mrs. Hostetler.

McFadyen discussed the actions of the 1969 General Assembly that concern libraries. He indicated that one of the most important actions taken was to increase the State Aid to Public Libraries fund by \$500,000 this year and another \$500,000 (or \$1 million) next year.

The legislature also set the precedent of increasing this aid each year, rather than every two years, as in the past.

The General Assembly also increased the State Library's book budget by \$44,000 per year. This will enable more adequate supplement of the resources of public libraries, as well as smaller academic libraries.

Following McFadyen's address, the retiring officers concluded their year's service with a report on the activities of the past year.

The nominating committee submitted a slate of officers for the coming year: Mrs. Robert Gatlin, President; Mrs. Wilton Wood, Vice-President; Mrs. D. B. Conoly, Secretary; and Mrs. Richard Neeley, Treasurer.

The slate was unanimously accepted and installed by Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Chairman of Hoke County Library Board.

## New Stadium Ready For First Game

Head Coach John Pecora says his Bucks are ready, and Hoke High Principal Raz. Autry says Hoke's new \$30,000 stadium is ready for action Friday night.

The stadium has been named Hoke High Athletic Field. The new structure has 2,108 seats which will accommodate up to 2,500 Buck fans.

Autry asks that fans not stand in front of the structure. "We have plenty of room for everyone to sit down" stated Autry.

Autry indicated that people who enjoy standing during a football game are welcome to stand at either end of the bleacher area.

The Hoke County Rescue Squad will again this year direct traffic and parking. The Rescue Squad will keep an ambulance standing by in case of emergencies.

Rest room facilities will be provided for fans in the Gibson Gymnasium.

Plans have been made to have two concession stands at the athletic field, one on each side of the field. Cokes and popcorn will be sold Friday night. Coffee will be added when the weather gets cooler.

Everything is in readiness for the Bucks' first victory in their new stadium.

## Forty Court Cases Continued

In District Court Friday, Robert A. Billinger was charged with forgery and bound over to Superior Court in November when Judge J.E. Dupree decided there was probable cause. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Forty cases were continued. Cases heard included:

Jerry Arthur Jones, Red Springs, careless and reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Charles Breeden, Raeford, worthless check, 30 days and restitution.

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Chancey Troublefield, Jr., Lumber Bridge, no operator's license, nol pros.

Chancey Troublefield, Jr., Lumber Bridge, driving while license revoked, 12 - 18 months in county jail, appealed. Bond set at \$5,000.

George Maynor, Raeford, driving under the influence, 6 months suspended for one year; surrender license and not drive for one year except for work use; \$100 and cost.

Charlie Williams, Lumber Bridge, injury to personal

## County Commissioners

# Cooper Submits Resignation From Human Relations Board



WELCOMING COMMITTEE - Mrs. J. H. Austin heads the McLaughlin School teachers in helping first graders get to their classrooms. The teachers indicated that everything was hectic for a couple of hours, but it had been more complicated and confusing in years gone by.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday morning for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The Board's first action was the reading and approval of the minutes of the Board's August meeting.

The resignation of the Reverend Cortez A. Cooper, Jr., Chairman of the Hoke County Human Relations Commission, was received by the Board. The Commissioners accepted Cooper's resignation "with regret."

Mr. Cooper later appeared before the Board to give a report on the findings and actions of the Human Relations Commission.

Cooper indicated that he felt that the year old commission had done a fine job in its first year. He praised the commission members, "everyone has made a valuable contribution to the work of the commission."

The Commission has been investigating problems in the county such as housing, education, sanitation, and recreation.

Cooper and the Board also discussed methods of providing continued leadership for the Commission.

When Cooper concluded his report the Board thanked him for his efforts in the work of the Commission and in other community affairs and wished him well in the future.

Charles A. Dawkins, newly appointed District Highway Commissioner, came before the Board of Commissioners to introduce himself and to discuss the outlook for road and highway construction in Hoke, Bladen and Cumberland counties.

Dawkins said a new priority list for road construction was being prepared, and as soon as the new priorities were released, he would have a much clearer picture of the road needs of Hoke and other counties in the district.

Dawkins indicated that in the past, commissioners have put all the money that was allocated to a district for primary roads in one place, generally their home county. Dawkins stated that this would not be the case while he was the District Highway Commissioner.

One area where Dawkins would like to see major improvement is in the construction and upgrading of shoulder and ditches along the district's roads and highways.

In closing, Dawkins invited the County Commissioners to call on him at any time he could be of service.

In other business, the Commissioners approved a recommendation from the Board of Social Services that two of the Social Services case workers, Mrs. Anne Poole and Mrs. Catherine Brown, be promoted to the classification of Social Service Worker 2. The promotion carries a raise in salary of \$348 for both the veteran case workers.

The Commissioners approved a road petition to pave the 8 of a mile of state road 1136 that connects state roads 1134 and 1116. The approved petition will be sent to the District Engineers of the State Highway Department for further study.

Action was also taken on several routine matters before the Board of Commissioners adjourned their meeting for this month.

## Schools Open Smoothly, With Minor Difficulties

The schools of Hoke County swung into high gear this week after getting the preliminaries out of the way last Friday. School Superintendent Donald D. Abernethy indicated Tuesday the schools in the county opened "very smoothly, except for the expected problems."

As expected, there were some problems with the buses in routing and passenger loads. Some of the drivers have not yet learned their routes and everyone they are supposed to pick up, and some of the students, especially the younger ones, have not yet found out which bus they are supposed to ride to and from school.

Prior to the opening of the schools, Abernethy forecast school attendance by about 5,000 students from throughout

the county. Early indications are that 5,000 the approximate number of students enrolled.

"We may qualify for one additional teacher," said Abernethy, "but we'll have to wait about ten days to be sure." Whether the school system in Hoke is eligible for another teacher is dependent on the attendance in the schools.

Two special education teachers have been hired, bringing to six the number of special education teachers in the Hoke schools this year.

In addition to the special education teachers, two speech and hearing therapists have to be hired for the year. This is the first time Hoke County Schools have had the services of this type of therapist.

## Mrs. McNeill Dies Tuesday; Funeral Today

Mrs. Doris Matheson McNeill of Wagram died Tuesday night at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg.

Mrs. McNeill was born November 3, 1896 in Montgomery County. She was the daughter of Robert A. and Daisy Deane Gaddy Matheson.

She was the widow of Hector McNeill of Hoke County. Mrs. McNeill was a resident of Hoke County most of her life.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 P.M. at Montpelier Presbyterian Church in Wagram. The Reverend A. Jackson Morrison will officiate. She will be buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. McNeill is survived by four sons: Hector B. of Winter Park, Florida, Robert A. of Charleston, S. C., Franklin P. of Wagram, and Thomas A. of High Point; three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Roper and Mrs. Harlee Johnston, both of Wagram, and Mrs. Jim Hanna of Greenville, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Robert Huggins of Fayetteville; and one brother, Dr. Gaddy Matheson of Ahsoskie.

Mrs. McNeill's brother, Dr. Robert A. Matheson, was for many years a physician in Raeford prior to his death several years ago.

## Raeford Police Add One Officer J. C. Barrington

The ranks of Raeford Police force were bolstered last week with the addition of veteran policeman J. C. Barrington. He is the sixth member of the Raeford Police.

Barrington rejoined the Raeford force after working on the police force in Red Springs for the past two years.

He has nine years experience in police work, most of it on the force in Raeford. He has also been in police work in Fairmont and Red Springs.

Barrington and his family will make their home in Raeford at 206 Bethel Road.

## Boosters Meet, Watch Movie

The Bucks' Booster Club met Tuesday night at the W. T. Gibson Building. Club president Charlie Hottel called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members attending the meeting.

Hottel announced that the membership drive was beginning to pick up steam. There are now slightly more than 100 members of the Booster Club. The Boosters have set a membership goal of 190 members this year. Hottel expressed hope that the goal could be reached before the Rockingham game on September 12.

Buck fans will be able to join the Booster Club at the Steadman game Friday night. Hottel indicated there are still plenty of white hats left. "You can tell the Buck Boosters - they wear the white hats" said Hottel.

The Boosters have made arrangements to watch the Bucks' game films from the previous game, on Monday night at 8 P.M. in the Gibson Cafeteria.

Ashwell Harward introduced the feature film for the evening, "Poised for Action", to conclude the evening's program.