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Around Town

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The appointment of Roger Hall of Lumber Bridge to replace R. D. McMillan, Jr. in the House of Representatives has brought forth again talk as to the method of replacing district officials. The Robeson County Executive Committee recommended Hall to Gov. Bob Scott and he made the appointment. The committee had received a ruling from the Attorney General's office stating that the recommendation would come from the county and the party of the official being replaced. This law was written for officials that served only one county and hasn't been amended, we have been led to believe, since the state was put into districts.

We think that this should be corrected by the 1971 General Assembly. There should be a committee in each county of the district to recommend the same as Congressional, Judicial and Solicitorial.

We find no fault with the appointment of Hall, but think the other way is the Democratic and fair way for all people of the district to have a voice in the elected official.

The members of the Raeford Presbyterian Church had an old-fashioned picnic on the church grounds after the morning service last Sunday. The occasion was to say goodbye to the Cooper family. The Rev. Mr. Cooper and his family left yesterday for Georgia where he has accepted a call to the Marietta Presbyterian Church. The community as a whole will miss the Cooper family and North Carolina's loss will be a gain for Georgia. We wish for them the best of luck.

The parking last Friday night at the Stadium was vastly improved and handled very well by the State Highway Patrol and the Hoke County Rescue Squad. The problems that bob up when you open anything new take time and some thinking to correct. We believe the ticket situation will be worked out in a few weeks. This year season tickets were not sold, so everyone must go by the ticket window. Also the showing of ID cards by the school kids from the visiting schools slow down the taking in of the money. If you see something that you think needs correcting, let the principal, Raz Autry know about it. If you just complain and don't take it to the head man, it cannot be corrected.

Neill James Blue was by the office last week and commented on the people of Hoke County. He stated that the flowers and cards came from both young and old while he was in the hospital. You would have to talk to Blue to really see how much he appreciated the kindness shown him.

A letter was received this week from Mrs. Margaret Ann Lamster who reported for us early this year. She and her husband have arrived at San Antonio, Texas where he will go to school for 10 weeks before leaving for Vietnam. She says they had a fine trip out and spent their last wedding anniversary in New Orleans.

On the way home last Sunday from my wife's home in Louisburg we stopped by Raleigh and the home of Mrs. Lucy Peebles, another former reporter. She wasn't home but Lucy certainly has a fine home and all the neighbors look as prosperous as she is.

We were also told Monday that Sharon Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Floyd, was struck by an automobile Sunday. She was not hurt seriously, according to reports, but was bruised by the accident. Her mother, Lib Floyd, also worked here for a number of years. We hope for Sharon a speedy recovery.

City To Get Powell Funds

Raeford should soon receive street allocation funds totaling \$19,005.28. The allocation is part of more than \$11 million that will go to cities and towns in North Carolina that qualify under provisions of the Powell Bill.

The funds, provided by one-half cent of the regular gasoline tax, are returned annually to the cities and towns. The amount going to each municipality is based both on population and non-state street mileage.

Lauch Faircloth, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, said this year 427 municipalities across the state will receive proportional cash allotments amounting to \$11,224,494. The money should be received by each city and town by October 1.

Bloodmobile

Here Sept. 24

The Bloodmobile will be in Raeford at the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 24, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday will be the first time this fiscal year that the Bloodmobile will be in Raeford. Other dates for the giving of blood to the Bloodmobile will be December 29, March 18, and June 25.

Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Red Cross Chairman in Hoke County, said that citizens of this county have already used 51 pints of blood in the months of July and August. This visit will be the first opportunity for people in Raeford and Hoke County to make up Hoke's blood deficit of 19 pints.

Blood needs for everyone in Hoke County are covered by Hoke's participation in the Piedmont Carolinas Blood Plan. Hospitals charge varying amounts for administering blood, but the blood itself is free. The cost of a pint of blood is approximately \$30.

Upchurch estimated that it would only take about 20 minutes for a person who has never donated to the Bloodmobile to get processed, examined by a doctor, give the blood, and be on their way.

Everyone who can give 20 minutes and a pint of blood should go to the Methodist Church, Wednesday, September 24, between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Upchurch stated.

CD Conference

Set Sept. 25

"The Role of Local Governments in Civil Defense" will be the theme of Hoke's first public official's conference, Thursday, September 25. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Court House.

All public officials in Raeford and Hoke County are supposed to attend the conference, to learn about their civil defense duties in the event of a national emergency.

The officials will receive instruction from James G. Steagall, who is in charge of Civil Defense instruction. Col. W.H. Dawson, Jr. Area D Coordinator will also speak to the meeting.

William Lamont, Hoke Civil Defense Director, said there was a possibility that State CD Director James W. Denning would be able to attend.

The visitors are scheduled to be the guests of the Raeford Kinwanis Club for supper and then go to the Court House to speak to the gathering of officials.

UF Budget Proposal: \$23,075 For 1970

The Budget and Admissions Committee of the Hoke County United Fund approved a healthy budget increase of \$3,075.54 bringing the proposed budget for 1970 to \$23,075.54. The budget proposal will be presented to the United Fund Board of Directors for their approval.

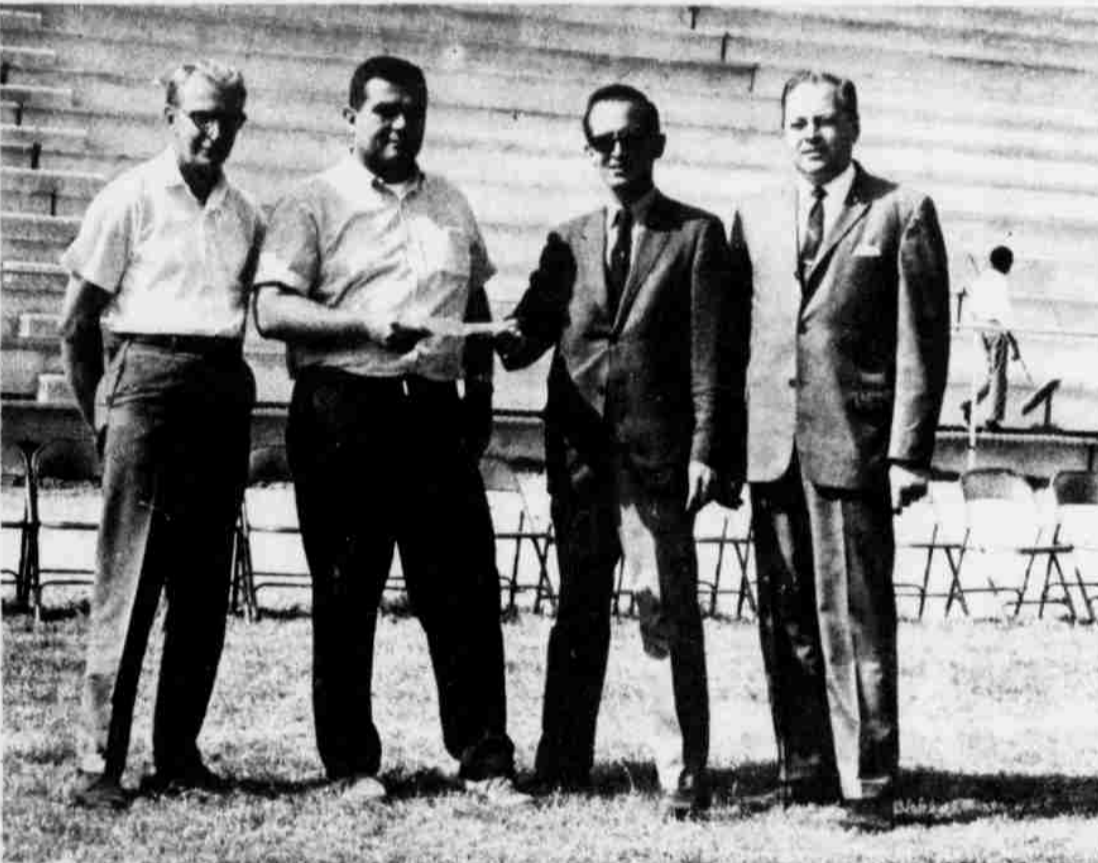
The Hoke County Rescue Squad was the only organization to be approved to receive funds this year that was not in last year's budget. The Rescue Squad will be given \$1,000.

The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Crippled Children, the Red Cross and the 4-H Clubs all will receive substantial increases in their budget for the coming year.

The following is a comparison of the 1969 budget and the proposed budget for 1970, approved by the Budget and Admission Committee.

\$8,230.91 For Summer Recreation

\$30,000 Check Completes Payment On New Stadium



ALL PAID FOR - C. D. Bounds, Stadium Fund Treasurer, hands Tom Avant a check for \$30,000 to pay for the construction done by Speros Construction Company. Stadium Fund Chairman Leonard Frahm and School Superintendent Don Abernethy witness the happy occasion.

ABC Store Nets Profit Of \$62,162

Sales of \$514,452.85 were reported for last year by the Hoke County Board of

Alcoholic Control in its annual audit report.

The ABC Store operation netted \$62,162.54 in profits for the year, making a total of \$418,569.35 in profits earned during the seven years since citizens voted to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages in Hoke County.

This year the ABC Board distributed \$62,407.84 to the General Fund of Hoke County. In the past seven years, the county has received \$338,366.43.

Sales this year were almost \$63,000 below sales of the previous year. ABC sales have begun in several surrounding counties in the last year, thus cutting into the previous level of sales.

\$6,795.84, 10% of the store's profit, is distributed to the Law Enforcement

Fund to pay the salary and to equip an ABC Law Enforcement Officer for Hoke County.

Hall Nominated For House Seat

Roger F. Hall of Lumber Bridge has been nominated by the Robeson County Democratic Executive Committee to replace R. D. McMillan of Red Springs in the N.C. House of Representatives.

Hall, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and farmer, must be approved by Gov. Bob Scott, McMillan, an automobile dealer, was named to the post of state purchasing officer Sept. 1.

The district represented by Hall is composed of Robeson, Scotland and Hoke Counties. Other representatives are Gus Speros, R.L. Campbell and N.L. McFadyen.

Soldiers Learn The Cost Of Drinks And Candy

Four soldiers from Fort Bragg received six-month suspended sentences from Judge J.E. Dupree in District Court last Friday.

Ralph W. Scott, John L. Sorbers, Jr., John L. Ell, and Robert L. Gore, all members of the 82nd Airborne Division, were found guilty of breaking into coin operated machines in the September 6th session of District Court. Judge Dupree ordered the four to jail for a week to await sentencing.

In court Friday, each of the soldiers was sentenced to six months in the Hoke County Jail, suspended for two years, given two years probation on condition that each pay \$15 for the use and benefit of Howard McDougal and \$5 for the use and benefit of Leslie Iron, pay \$100 fine and the costs of court. The costs of court was remitted.

For the second conviction, each was sentenced to six months in the county jail, suspended for two years, two years probation (to begin at

the expiration of the first sentence) on condition that each make a voluntary contribution of \$75 to the Hoke County Rescue Squad and pay the costs of court.

In other cases heard in the lengthy session:

Walter Jackson Rackley, Raleigh, speeding, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs of court.

Catherine Richardson, Lumber Bridge, abandonment and non-support, must adequately care for her children and pay the costs of court.

Bobby Richardson, Lumber Bridge, assault, six months suspended for two years, two years probation, on condition that defendant not assault his wife and pay costs of court.

Patricia Probst, Rt. 2, Raeford, trespass and assault, not guilty.

Joe Probst, Rt. 2, Raeford, trespass and assault, not guilty. Jerry Louis McNeill, Laurinburg, speeding, six months, suspended for two

years, two years probation, not to operate a vehicle in North Carolina for one year, pay \$100 fine and costs of court.

Curtis Little, Raeford, inadequate support, six months, suspended for three years, three years probation, on condition that defendant support his family commensurate with his ability to earn, the Court reserves right to set payment anytime during probation, pay costs of court. Costs remitted and amount paid to his wife to be applied to the support of the children.

Bobby Locklear, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

James L. Monroe, Rt. 1, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, not pros with leave.

Billy Locklear, larceny, two years in the county jail, capias and commitment for four years, defendant instructed to pay \$12.50 for the use and benefit of Upchurch Turkey Farms, he is not to go on the premises of any turkey farm in

Hoke's new stadium, already the scene of several football games, was paid for Monday morning in a short ceremony on the new field.

C.D. Bounds, Stadium Fund Treasurer, presented Tom Avant of Speros Construction Company a \$30,000 check for the construction of the facility.

The stadium has long been thought to cost \$30,000. The actual cost of the entire athletic field far exceeds that figure.

Bounds indicated that citizens raised \$32,988.84. This figure includes the lights costing \$7,944.20 which were donated by Burlington Industries and the \$2,265.00 scoreboard donated by Coble Dairy.

Forward, Inc. gave \$20,000 to the Stadium Fund to be used to help pay for the stadium with the remaining funds to be used by the Hoke Recreation Department to upgrade recreational facilities in the county.

The entire stadium and athletic field cost a total of \$44,757.93.

W.K. Morgan, Hoke Recreation Director, was given a check for \$8,230.91 by C.D. Bounds, for recreation in Hoke County. The check represented the balance in the Stadium Fund.

Morgan said the new recreation funds would be used to repair and upgrade recreation facilities in the county which have been neglected because of a shortage of recreation funds.

Leonard Frahm, Stadium Fund chairman, said the fund raising committee had fulfilled its obligations.

He praised the citizens of the county and the members of the committee for all their effort put forth to make the stadium a reality.

Firefighters Find Stolen Automobile

The 1968 Chevrolet stolen from Hoke Auto Co. last week was found in "hot" condition Monday, a week after it was stolen.

Thieves stole the vehicle, drove into some woods in the Laurel Hill area of Scotland County, and stripped it completely of motor, transmission, seats, wheels and everything else they could remove. Then they set the body of the car on fire, probably to remove fingerprints.

The fire set to burn the car, spread and resulted in burning about 25 acres of farm land. Firefighters discovered the car after the fire had been extinguished.

Younger Snead, Jr. theorized that the thieves chose that particular car because it was the only one in stock at the time with a four-speed transmission. The car was not equipped with the transmission and steering lock, that is standard equipment on most of the new cars.

Hoke or surrounding counties for four years, \$100 and cost.

Willie Lee Dixon, Rt. 1, Raeford, assault, not pros.

Mike Crowder, Raeford, inadequate support, not guilty.

Robert P. Cummings, Raeford, assault, prayer for judgement continued for two years, court reserves the right to pass final judgment anytime during the period, and costs.

Joe Alexander Wilson, Raeford, larceny of automobile, not pros.

Ocie Lee Wade, RFD, Raeford, larceny, not pros.

Pfc. John Wright, Jr., speeding, 90 days suspended on payment of \$60 and costs.

Sam Oxendine, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, 18 months, suspended for three years, probation for three years, on condition that defendant pay \$103 for medical bills incurred by the plaintiff, \$100 for the use and benefit of the prosecuting witness and costs.

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WHAT TO DO NOW? - L. C. Cunningham and Foster McBryde were moving this house for Mrs. Ruthie Davis, from Oakwood Avenue to her lot on Turnpike Road. They ran into complications at the intersection of Central Avenue and Jackson Street. The house was left in the middle of Jackson Street until a solution could be found. At last report, the house still had not been moved.