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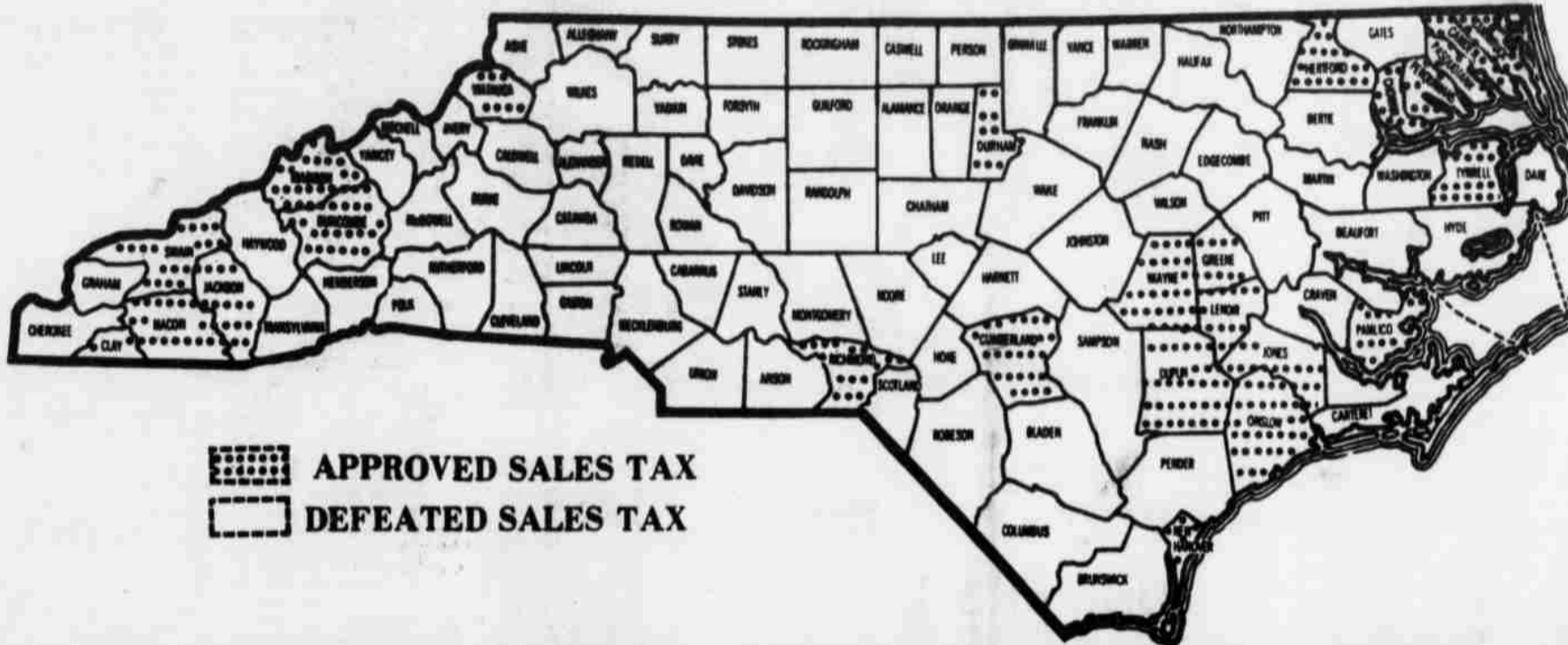
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## Hoke County Rejects Optional 1¢ Sales Tax



### Ballots Cast By Less Than 27% Of Hoke Voters

In a very light vote Tuesday, the proposed One Cent Local Option Sales Tax was defeated in Hoke County by a margin of 253 votes.

The final tally shows that 901 votes were cast against the additional sales tax, while 648 voters voted for the issue. Only in three of Hoke County's 13 precincts did the majority of voters approve the issue.

70 votes were cast in Rockfish, with 35 being cast each way.

People on both sides of the tax issue were greatly disappointed that only 1549 of Hoke's 5445 registered voters cared enough to go to the polls to let their wishes in the tax matter be known.

A breakdown of the voting in Hoke County is as follows:

PRECINCT	FOR	AGAINST
Allendale	10	18
Antioch	32	12
Blue Springs	21	66
Buchan	2	35
McCain	33	74
Puppy Creek	34	48
Raeftord No. 1	138	151
Raeftord No. 2	186	67
Raeftord No. 3	21	65
Raeftord No. 4	83	65
Raeftord No. 5	5	203
Rockfish	35	35
Stonewall	48	62
	648	901

### Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

Charles R. Dawkins, highway commissioner for the district, called last week and stated that he was still a district commissioner instead of a commissioner for Cumberland County. He related to me the same facts that were in the article in last week's paper. The funds in the projects for Cumberland were for urban and access roads and except for the short distance on US 401 North of Fayetteville no primary or secondary roads were in the projects. Dawkins said he was for the four-laning of US 401 to Raeford and would continue to work for the project. I guess that all the people of Hoke County can do is "Wait and See."

It seems from reading the daily papers that the entire highway business of the state is in a jumble. The Governor wanting one thing and the chairman of the commission wanting something else. Of course in the long run the governor should win out.

The storm Saturday night brought back memories of Hazel that hit in 1954. The wind sounded just like it did that year. We didn't realize how severe it was until Sunday morning. The trees that were blown over and the limbs torn from trees caused the highway crews to start to work about 2 a.m. to make some roads passable. The pecan crop in the county was hard hit and most people who have trees in their yards were out Sunday morning picking up the nuts. Of course some did the task before Sunday School and others did the job during the Sunday School time. We won't mention any names at this time.

Mrs. Graham Monroe was by Monday and asked that we remind all members of the graduating class of 1939 that haven't made reservations for the reunion Sunday, November 9 to do so by calling her. The Class Reunion will get underway at 4:00 p.m. and will meet at the Family Restaurant. I didn't ask Helen how many were in the class but it should have been around fifty. I was in the Class of 1935 and 48 graduated that year. The Class of 1935 was the last class to graduate in the old building that was destroyed by fire a few years ago. At that time all eleven grades were in the building. I don't believe any teachers that were teaching at that time are still active today.

The Hoke High Bucks will end the season Friday night at Sanford. The won and loss record for the year is the best in many years at the high school. The credit for the winning season will be placed in many places by the sidewalk quarterbacks. We think that the success in a small way is to the football program as a whole. The 9th grade team and the JV's have played good ball for the past few years and this helps when they go out for the varsity team. This year Upchurch has had two teams that have met with success so the outlook for the future should be bright. We can't think of anything that builds school spirit like winning athletic teams.

### County Board Convenes For Monthly Meeting

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners met Monday morning for regular monthly meeting. The Board acted on several matters, visited the jail, heard the Home and Farm Agents' reports and heard the Executive Director of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission speak.

The Board approved requests from Mrs. Graham Clark, Veteran's Service Officer in Hoke County, to provide her with additional help for two days each week during the month of December and to carpet the floors in the Veteran's Service Office in the County Building.

It is estimated that the helper for Mrs. Clark will cost approximately \$120 and the carpeting will cost \$79. The Board

### VFW Poppy Sale

The annual VFW Poppy Sale will take place in Raeford Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. with proceeds of the sale to go to disabled veterans.

Poppies will be sold by Rangers from the local Woodmen of the World camp.

### Unlicensed Drunk Driver Gets 12 Months On Roads

Willie James Locklear of Red Springs, was found guilty of driving under the influence and having no motor vehicle operator's license in Hoke District Court Friday. The State took a nol pro on a third charge, hit and run property damage.

Locklear was sentenced by Judge J. E. Dupree to 12 months in the Hoke County Jail, assigned to work under the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Judge Dupree handed down stiff sentences to several defendants convicted of drunk driving.

Other cases heard in Friday's docket were:

Robert Arthur Billinger, Rt. 2, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a pistol, six months in the Hoke County Jail, with capias and or commitment to issue at anytime during the next three years on motion of the Prosecutor or the Court, pay costs of Court.

Chester Junior Pridgen, Fayetteville, improper registration, State takes a nol pro.

Willie James Locklear, Red Springs, driving under the influence, hit and run property damage, no operator's license,

voted 5-0 in favor of both requests. The Board voted 5-0 to give SCAP (OEO) office space in the County Building for another year.

A road request from the Bowmore area of Hoke County was approved and sent to the State Highway Commission for further action.

For the second straight month, the Board postponed filling the vacancy on the Hoke County Human Relations Board.

After taking care of their routine monthly business, the Commissioners walked down to inspect the Hoke County Jail. Beds in the cells used for women prisoners and juvenile detention are pulling out from the walls.

It is Sheriff Dave Barrington's belief that the beds were not constructed according to building specifications. It has not yet been determined who will have to pay the cost of repairing the two cells.

Several members of the City Council joined the County Commissioners to hear Dave Alexander discuss the Southeastern Economic Development Commission and the State Department of Local Affairs.

After hearing reports from Mrs. Ellen Willis, Home Extension Agent, and Wendell Young, County Farm Agent, the Commissioners adjourned.

guilty, nol pro, guilty, 12 months in the county jail and assigned to work under the supervision of the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Richard Leonard Monroe, McCain, driving while operator's license revoked, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, State takes a nol pro.

Lester William McGee, Rogersville, Mo., speeding 60/50, State takes a nol pro.

William Clyde Lupo, Rt. 1, Raeford, driving under the influence, State takes a nol pro.

Dock McPherson, Chadburn, driving under the influence (2nd offense) and driving while license revoked, two years in county jail, suspended for four years, four years probation on condition that defendant not operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina for three years, pay a fine of \$500 and costs of Court.

Hubert Lowery, Jr., Rt. 1, Shannon, speeding 80/60, 60 days suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

Basalam McLean, Fayetteville, stop sign violation, prayer for judgment

William Copeland Gilmore, Jr., Raeford, speeding 55/45, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs of Court.

Bobby Joe Edwards, Harroville, S.C., failure to drive on the right half of the

### Little Business Handled In City Council Meeting

The Raeford City Council met Monday night for their regular first of the month session and quickly took care of routine business.

During the meeting, new commissioners Graham Clark, Crawford Thomas, and Hestel Garrison signed cards for the life insurance policies that are carried by the City on all city employees.

A performance bond of \$1,000 was received from the Micanopy Cablevision Company. The firm must put cablevision lines in Raeford within the next 18 months to keep from forfeiting the bond.

The Council discussed the permanent closing of Lamont Street extension. The street was blocked about two years ago, after homeowners in the area petitioned the Council to do so.

Mayor J. K. McNeill appointed Councilmen Thomas and Clark, and City Manager Gaddy, to study land fills for future disposal of city garbage. Councilmen discussed limiting the use of the City's land fill to exclusive use by City residents.

A request to operate a part time taxi service in Raeford was tabled because the taxi permits for the year have already been issued.

The Airport Commission will meet in the near future to discuss leasing the City Airport. Last month the Council was

asked to lease the airport to a flying school. A second group has recently expressed an interest in leasing the air facility. The City Council will act on the matter after hearing the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

### Homer Rice Will Speak At Banquet

Homer Rice, Athletic Director at the University of North Carolina, will be the featured speaker at the Booster Club Banquet to be held next May.

Rice is the former head coach at the University of Cincinnati. He is a lay speaker in the Methodist Church and is well known as a "top notch" after dinner speaker.

Booster Club President Charlie Hotel urges everyone to make plans to attend the end of the school year banquet.

Hotel said the Boosters would sponsor another fund raising supper. A Bar-B-Q Supper will be held Thursday, November 20, at the W.T. Gibson Cafeteria. The Club will provide delivery of plates for those wishing to eat at home. Cost of the plates will be \$1.25.

The Booster Club presented a check of \$200 to Upchurch School last month to help defray the expenses of the school's athletic programs. Upchurch has no budget for athletic equipment.

Hotel said the Boosters next meeting will be held Monday night, December 1, at 7 p.m. The Club now has a permanent place to hold its monthly meetings. Boosters will meet in the coaches film room at Hoke High.

### First Baptist Church Revival Starts Nov. 10

Special Evangelistic Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Raeford during the week of November 10-16. The services will begin at 7:30 each evening.

The Reverend Lester Branham, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Orangeburg, S. C., will conduct the services. He is recognized as an outstanding evangelistic preacher and holds numerous revivals in addition to his pastoral work.

Reverend Branham has been pastor of the 1500 member church in Orangeburg for the past two years. He has spoken at several statewide Baptist meetings in South Carolina. In 1959 he served as part of a preaching mission to South America, preaching in six different countries.

The Church Choir, directed by Mrs. J. H. Austin, will render special music, along with quartets and soloists. Everyone is invited to attend the services. A nursery will be provided.



REV. LESTER BRANHAM, JR.