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## Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The filing deadline for the May primary is noon Friday March 20. We don't know what is going to happen in Raleigh next year, but as of Monday, March 2, 10 had filed in Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties for the House of Representatives. Some folks in this county are saying it is because of the pay raise, but others are saying that certain people have axes to grind. We don't know, but the ballot will be long if candidates continue to file.

Joe Dupree, district court judge for Cumberland and Hoke, is all smiles these days. He doesn't have any opposition in the primary or the general election. Congratulations Joe, and keep up the good work.

The defeat of the bond issue in Moore County by an overwhelming margin gives further proof that people are against higher taxes. The issue was for services at Sandhills Community College of which Hoke County has many students. If this school continues to operate in the future funds must be found to help with the upkeep of the school.

The annual Democrat fund raising dinner will be held in Raleigh Saturday night. It is the Jefferson - Jackson Day feed and the plates are \$50 each. The speaker will be Sen. Bibb and if you haven't purchased your ticket, see me before Friday.

A letter from Mrs. N.J. Ritter of Route 3, Fayetteville follows:

"I read and enjoy your paper regularly. I have noticed two unusual sentences in 'Just One Thing After Another' lately. 'I have one: As I came through Arkansas I saw a saw saw that can out saw any saw I ever saw saw. If you have a saw that can out saw the saw I saw saw as I came through Arkansas. I'd like to see your saw saw.' 'Tell Puppy Creek Philosopher to please come up with a good idea for the large Coke bottles we are getting. Also while he's making his research maybe he can come up with the answer to why a ladies slip sags and a gentleman's shirt rides up.' Thanks, Mrs. Ritter, for your letter and if the Puppy Creek Philosopher can't answer your questions, maybe some of our good readers can.

## World Day Of Prayer To Be Held Friday

A World Day of Prayer will be held March 6 with services at 2 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church. The program will be given by the Women of the Baptist Church.



WEEK FOR GIRL SCOUTS - Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. proclaimed March 8 through March 14 as Girl Scout week and asked for continued interest, cooperation and support for the Scouts from the citizens of Raeford as Susan McLean and Kristie Frahm (front row) and Linda Handon and Josephine McCoy (rear) look on.

## County Commissioners Hear Law Enforcement Official

The recently - hired director of the Law and Order Committee for Hoke, Cumberland, Lee and Harnett counties appeared before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners Monday morning to discuss programs available to aid law enforcement in the county. Henry Avants, a retired Army major who lives in Fayetteville, described the function of his committee, which was established under the Omnibus Crime and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to help channel federal aid to local law enforcement agencies. There will be \$6 million available to local governments in North Carolina this year to help improve law enforcement, he said. Avants outlined some of the programs for which funds will be

available. However, under the program, the local agencies must provide matching funds of services in varying amounts, he said.

Jim Fout, director of the Sandhills Community Action Program, requested \$1,500 from the county for the Senior Citizen program for fiscal year 1971. He explained that the program had been funded by federal funds for the past three years at a cost of \$12,000 a year for the four counties in SCAP. Now the federal government will only pay half the cost for next year and each county is being requested to provide an equal share of the remainder.

Miss Josephine Hall, coordinator of the Senior Citizen program in Hoke demonstrated a quilt and a bed pillow made by the members of the Cameron Heights club. There are three clubs now in operation and three more are planned, she said. In addition, Miss Hall visits older residents of Hoke who are not able to attend the meetings, she told commissioners. The commissioners approved a resolution to sign a petition requesting the state planning board to put Hoke

County in District 10 and to allow the county to remain in the Southeastern Economic Development Commission.

They also passed a resolution approving the assessment ratio of 65 per cent for all real and personal property. State laws require the annual adoption of a uniform percentage for appraisal.

Budget hearings were set for March 24 and the Board of Equalization and Review Hearings were set for April 6.

A starting bid for the sale of the Belle McPhatter property was set at \$1375 by the commissioners.

A contract for a bookmobile for the County Library was awarded to Hoke Auto Company for a low bid of \$9,001.59 as the total delivery price on the vehicle. Raeford Auto Company submitted a bid of \$9,891.60, excluding state sales tax.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington appeared before the board to request a salary increase for sheriff's department employees for the next year. Present salaries range from a high of \$8,020 for the sheriff to a low of \$3,800 for one of the deputies. This is below the level of other North Carolina counties of similar size, Sheriff Barrington said. He proposed increases ranging from \$265 to \$1,180 to raise the minimum to \$4,300 and the maximum to \$9,200.

Sheriff's employees do not get paid for the holidays and off days they work or for any overtime, he pointed out.

Another meeting to discuss law enforcement salaries was set for Wednesday afternoon, by Commission Chairman T.C. Jones.

The purchase of an adding machine for the assistant tax supervisor was approved and expenses for a trip to Asheboro for Betty McFadyen to attend a meeting on March 3 on retirement matters was also approved.

The commission also discussed plans to attend a conference on solid waste disposal to be held in Raleigh March 11. An invitation was issued to the city government for a representative to attend with them.

The board also heard reports from the tax collector, and the farm and home agents.

Dr. Robert Townsend, Phil Dieth, William R. Windley and J.H. Autson were reappointed to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission.

## Car Stolen Still Missing; Purse Found

A car was taken from East Elwood Street last Thursday morning after the driver left it parked with the car keys and her purse inside.

The purse, belonging to Mrs. Nellie Wilkes, Rt. 1, Raeford, contained several bonds and other valuables, Chief of Police L.W. Stanton said.

It was found on the side of U.S. 401 Thursday afternoon by the driver of an express truck, Malcolm Hobbs of Fayetteville, and returned to Chief Stanton Thursday night. The bonds and valuables were still in the purse.

The auto, a 1969 red Mercury Cougar with license number EH-9187 has not been recovered, Chief Stanton said.

## Monroe Dead Three Held For Murder

### Two Cars Stolen, Wrecked Last Week

Two wrecks involving two stolen cars occurred Friday morning on Highway 401.

A car stolen from Fayetteville about 1:30 a.m. was found abandoned near Gore's Grocery on US 401 where it had run onto the center island at an intersection of the highway.

The car which was believed to have been taken by two men was recovered by Highway Patrolmen about 6 a. m. Friday morning.

Another stolen car was involved in a wreck which occurred about 5 a. m. Friday in front of the Big Star truck stop.

A 1963 Ford, which Highway Patrolman Kenneth Weston said had been stolen earlier that morning from Johnny Holland, pulled from the truck stop onto U.S. 401 and into the path of a Thunderbird driven by Ray Cooper of Fayetteville.

The driver of the stolen car and a passenger in the car with him fled following the accident.

Damages were estimated by Officer Weston at \$500 to the Thunderbird and \$450 to the Ford.

Henry G. Monroe, 36, of Duffy's Station was found slain beside the road near the home of Sydney Townsend on Old Maxton Road Sunday morning, Hoke County Sheriff D. M. Barrington said.

He had been shot, stabbed, beaten and his clothes had been ripped off, the sheriff said.

Three persons are being held without bond on murder charges. They are Sydney Townsend, Rt. 3, Red Springs; Donnell McMillan, Red Springs; and Pauline Galbreth, Red Springs. They are also charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Mrs. Geneva Townsend, wife of one of the defendants, received a broken jaw.

Coroner Frank Crumpler said an autopsy showed Monroe died from a blow with an instrument to the back of his head.

The sheriff stated that from the investigation, it appeared the slaying occurred inside the Townsend home. The body was found near the shoulder of the road, however.

The murder was investigated by Sheriff Barrington and deputies Alex Norton and James Adams.

Monroe is survived by his wife, Helen Ruth Monroe; a son; three daughters, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Delton Monroe; five sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at Mount Zion Methodist Church in Robeson County and burial will be in the church cemetery.

## Mayor McNeill Proclaims April As Clean-Up Month

Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr. proclaimed April as Clean - Up Month in Raeford at a meeting of the Raeford city commissioners Monday night at city hall.

Miss Josephine Hall, representative of the Governor's Commission on Beautification, is coordinating activities for the clean - up campaign.

A floor plan for an operations building to be constructed at the airport was approved at the meeting. A lease agreement with Langdon Oil Company has been signed by Langdon to provide airplane fuel at the airport and the agreement has been sent to the F.A.A. for approval, city manager John Gaddy said.

Gaddy also said the city had requested an F.A.A. representative to come to Raeford and help draw up the lease between the city and Sergeant Gene Thacker for use of the airport for skydiving.

A proposal by A.K. Leach to fertilize the land surrounding the airport was turned down by the board in favor of using city employees for the job.

Street lights were approved for Neill McFadyen, Lamont Street trailer court; Julian Wright, 211 and Covington Street; Leo Edwards, Nivens Street; Thad Marks,

## Fifth Man Indicted For Cattle Rustling

A fifth man has been charged with larceny of cattle following investigations by the sheriff's department of a series of cattle and hog rustling in Hoke County.

Four others have already been arrested in connection with two of the thefts.

John Paul Jones was charged this week with larceny of cattle in connection with the theft Jan. 16 of 10 - 15 cows from the farm of Sam and Earl Hendrix in Bowmore, Sheriff D.M. Barrington said.

James Jones, Shannon; Lock Greg Dial, Shannon; Thomas Dial, Pembroke and Freddie Revels, Jr., Red Springs, have also been charged with larceny of cattle in the Jan. 16 theft.

They were bound over to the grand jury last Friday by District Court Judge Joseph Dupree after they waived preliminary hearings on charges of larceny of hogs. James Jones was arrested Feb. 17 and the others were arrested Feb. 19 for the theft of 35 hogs valued at \$1260 from Raeford Livestock, Inc., near Antioch. The theft was reported to the sheriff's office Feb. 17.

Two other thefts are still being investigated, Sheriff Barrington said. The Hendrixes reported 10 - 20 cows stolen on Feb. 17 and Raeford Livestock reported an undetermined amount of feeder pigs stolen Jan. 13.

Bond was set for the five men at \$2500 each. A hearing on the larceny of cattle charges will be held in District Court on March 13.

College Drive and Ivory McNair, Oakwood Street.

A request to annex two lots on College Drive belonging to John McPhaul and Billie Currie was deferred until a zoning survey now in progress is completed.

The commissioners also voted to check on the possibility of canceling the workman's compensation policy now held with Greater American Insurance Company and writing it with another company. They also approved writing the North Carolina Insurance Commission.

A meeting was set with representatives of Moore - Gardner Associates March 9 to discuss prices on variable speed pumps and walkways at the Waste Treatment plant.

The commissioners approved the following streets for resurfacing: Edinborough from Bethel to Dixon; Edinborough from Magnolia to Main; Elwood from Main to Stewart; Elwood from Main to Magnolia and West Fifth from Green to Dixon.

City Attorney Palmer Willcox reported that Judge Derb Carter ruled Monday in District Civil Court that the motion in the case of condemnation proceedings for Town of Raeford vs. A.E. McGirt, et al must be heard in Superior Court. A hearing was then set for Tuesday before Judge Hobgood, Willcox said.

The board also discussed a complaint by former Mayor H.R. McLean, about refrigerator trucks parked near his home whose motors on the refrigerator units interfere with television reception at his home.

## Three Break-Ins On Niven Street

Three houses on Niven Street were entered over the weekend while the owners were out of town, Police Chief L.W. Stanton said.

The homes belonged to Glenn Langdon, Jr., Jimmy Sessoms and Leo Edwards. The break - ins were discovered Sunday night when the owner's returned home, Chief Stanton said.

A .22 automatic pistol and some change were reported missing from the Edwards home and a .22 target pistol and change were also taken from the Langdon home.

Some change from a small bank was stolen from the Sessoms house, Chief Stanton said. Drawers had been ransacked and the contents scattered in the three houses, he said.

All three cases are still under investigation and no arrests have been made.

## School Board, Coroner, Clerk Seek Reelection

Seven incumbents filed for re-election this week, with the filing deadline still two weeks away.

E.E. Smith announced his candidacy for Clerk of Superior Court and Frank Crumpler filed again for Coroner. All five incumbents on the Board of Education announced their candidacy for positions on the Board. They are: Dr. Riley M. Jordan, W.L. Howell, A. Wilton Wood, Jr., Bobby Gibson, and D.R. Huff, Jr.

Smith has been Clerk of Superior Court since 1962. A native of Fairmont, he has lived in Raeford since 1922. Married with two children, Smith is a member of Raeford Methodist Church and of the Raeford Masonic Lodge.

Crumpler has served as Coroner since 1960, six months after he opened a funeral home in Raeford. He is a licensed funeral director and embalmer. He is a member of the Raeford Baptist Church, the Kiwanis Club, a Mason, Woodman

A. Wilton Wood was born in the Rockfish community and is a life insurance agent. He was formerly with the Bank of Raeford. Wood is married and has four children.

Bobby Gibson, a life long resident of the Antioch community, is a farmer and volunteer fireman. Originally from Clinton, he is married to the former Dayne Capps of Rockfish. They have three children.

Crumpler is opposed for the coroner's post by the Rev. Donald Ned Hicks, pastor of the Joe Hilton Hicks Memorial Bible Chapel in western Hoke County.

D.R. Huff, Jr., a farmer in the Ashley Heights section of Hoke, is presently chairman of the Board of Education. He is a life - long resident of the county.

there. He is married and has three children.

Dr. Riley M. Jordan, Raeford physician, is a native of Hoke County. He graduated from Wake Forest University and the Bowman Grey School of Medicine. He is a member of the board of trustees of Wake Forest and is a member of the Raeford Baptist Church.

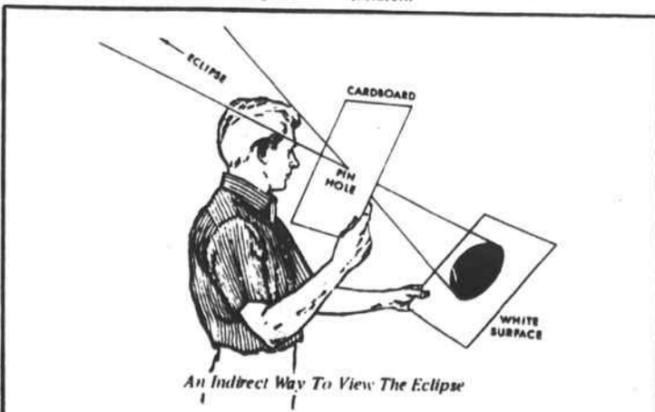
W.L. Howell, owner of Howell's Drug Store, is a native of Ellerbe who has lived in Raeford since 1947. He graduated from Davidson College in 1940 with a BS in political science and from the University of Georgia in 1943 with a BS in pharmacy. He is chairman of the Raeford Planning Board and a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Raeford. Howell is married and has 5 children.

## Congressman Lennon Has Pneumonia

Congressman Alton Lennon's office announced today that the congressman has been hospitalized with a pneumonia virus for the past several days.

Mr. Lennon had planned to travel extensively in the Seventh District beginning last Thursday.

From his hospital room the congressman stated: "I am extremely disappointed that this virus has temporarily postponed some of my planned visits in North Carolina. I expect to be released from the hospital in a few days, and I look forward to meeting my commitments and seeing many of my friends very soon."



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