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Boards Of Commissioners, Education Reelected

Light Turnout For Election Saturday As Only 2300 Citizens Cast Ballots

Around Town

BY SAM MORRIS

The primary election last Saturday was very disappointing as far as the number of people who voted. Approximately 38% of the voters went to the polls. This is hard to understand when the men to be voted on will run our nation, state and county for the next two years. We have heard citizens after citizen criticize the affairs of our government, including national, state and county, and especially the running of our schools. After the vote Saturday we have come to the conclusion that most people are satisfied. If not, please be silent if you didn't go to the polls last Saturday.

A call last week from Neill J. Blue set us straight about the James A. Blue house. The house that was pictured in the paper burned and the present house at the corner of Magnolia Street and Elwood Avenue replaced it.

In talking with Mrs. Kate B. Covington Monday she said the house burned around 1910. Mrs. Covington is a daughter of James A. Blue and lives in the present house. She stated that the Rev. W.C. Brown, a former pastor at Raeford Presbyterian Church was living at the house when it burned. The Rev. Mr. Brown was single at the time and she recalls that he lost many valuable books and papers in the fire. Mrs. Covington said boys from Raeford Institute helped fight the fire, but very little was saved. There was no fire department in Raeford at that time.

Roger Dixon brought a letter by the office Monday from Mike McAnulty that had been received by Mike's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. McAnulty. Mike is stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany and the letter tells of a trip to Denmark with a service basketball team. The letter is very interesting relating not only about the ball games but also describing different towns in Denmark. Mike tells of his visit to a home there and also about the night life of the people.

Mike as most people will recall was a start forward on the Hoke High basketball team of 1967 that went to the State finals. Thanks Roger for bringing a very interesting letter by the office.

Dickson says not to jump to the conclusion that he is going to start writing editorials on a regular basis just because he has done it for two weeks in a row. He says he just happened to have a couple in his system, and doesn't know when the spirit will move him again.

We will remind our readers once again of two important events to mark on your calendar. The first will take place on Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the W.T. Gibson cafeteria. It is the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting. The speaker will be Dr. John Tyler Caldwell, chancellor at North Carolina State University. If you haven't reserved your tickets do so now. Call the chamber office. The number is 875-2179.

The second affair is the annual Booster Club banquet to honor all athletes at Hoke High May 22 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Homer Rice, athletic director at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Tickets can be purchased from any booster member.

Health Center Addition Approved

Approval by the governing boards of Advancement, Inc. of a \$20,000 grant for an addition to the county health center was announced at the meeting Monday of the county board of commissioners.

The board passed a resolution to proceed with plans for the center that would double the floorspace there. The county will add about \$10,000 to the plan, the commissioners said.

The commissioners approved without opposition to charge the \$128 cost of a cash register for the tax collector to the contingency fund. They also approved a request from M.R. Mills, county sanitarian, to attend the Southeast Health Conference in Nags Head June 3-5 and 34th Annual Educational Conference of the National Environment Health Section to be held June 21-26 in Las Vegas.

Mills, who is chairman of the Environmental Health Section of the North Carolina Public Health Association, will go as the delegate from North Carolina.



WAITING FOR RETURNS - Some were laughing and some were crying as they watched the voting results come in to The News-Journal board Saturday night. Several candidates can be spotted in the crowd that gathered outside to watch the unofficial results being posted.

Boy Accused Of Attempted Rape Given 7 Years On Lesser Charge

The grand jury returned 31 bills of indictment at the opening session of Hoke County Superior Court with Judge Edward B. Clark of Elizabethtown presiding.

A true bill was returned charging 15-year old Ervin Fairley with felonious assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit rape and felonious breaking and entering.

He was allowed to plead guilty to a lesser charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and the misdemeanor of breaking and entering. He was sentenced to a maximum of seven years as a youthful offender.

Other true bills were returned against Joseph Chavis and Joe Chavis, three counts each of shooting into an occupied dwelling, assault with a deadly weapon and shooting into an occupied building; Nathaniel Williams, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; James Alford, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Sidney Townsend and Darnell McMillan, murder; Owille Louise Dobbins, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

James Jones, Freddie Revels, Jr., Lock Craig Dial and Thomas Dial were indicted for larceny of hogs. True bills were also returned against James Jones, Freddie Revels, Jr., and Lock Craig Dial for larceny and three counts of conspiracy to commit larceny.

The jury returned other true bills against Willie Carvin Locklear for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Joseph Billinger, felonious hit and run; Howard Alan Headden and Gary Williams, five counts of breaking, entering and larceny; Walter Thomas Gullee and Aaron Lee Hall, escape, second offense.

There were no acquittals in the cases heard by the jury.

Glenwood Hunt, whose case had been continued from the January session, pleaded guilty to six counts each of forgery and passing forged checks. He was sentenced to five years suspended sentence and five years probation and was ordered to pay the amount of the checks and court costs at the rate of \$25 per week.

Iron Brayboy, Jr., pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and driving without a valid driver's license. He was sentenced to six months suspended sentence and five years probation and was ordered to pay the amount of the checks and court costs at the rate of \$25 per week.

Judge Clark declared a mistrial in the case of Clinton White, who was accused of armed robbery when one of the jurors, Fannie Currie Davis, became ill during the trial.

Walter James Holt, who was charged with his fifth offense of driving under the influence, was sentenced to six months in jail suspended and was placed on probation for three years. He was fined \$500 and costs.

The state took a not pros with leave in the charge of driving under the influence against John Patrick Pope.

William David Lunsford, charged with driving under the influence, was fined \$150 and costs.

The state took a not pros with leave in the cases of Lock Craig Dial, James Jones and Freddie Revels, Jr., on one charge of larceny and three charges of conspiracy to commit larceny. Jones, Dial and Revels, Jr. were tried for larceny of hogs and were found guilty. Prayer for judgement was continued for one year and the three men were ordered to appear at the August session of Superior Court.

Thomas Dial, who was also charged with larceny of hogs, failed to appear in court and the judge announced that he was withholding final sentencing until Dial was tried. A capias was issued for Thomas Dial and bond was continued on the other defendants.

The state took a not pros in the case against Bell Love Baldwin who was charged with failure to yield right of way.

Willie Carvin Locklear was found guilty of shooting into an occupied building and assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a gun. He was sentenced to six months suspended for one year on payment of costs for each case.

Jack Leach pleaded not guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill but was found guilty of the lesser charge of assault inflicting serious injury. He was sentenced to not less than two or more than five years in jail. The court recommended he be allowed to serve under the work release program.

John McNeill, who pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was sentenced to from three to five years in jail suspended for four years with four years probation. He was also ordered to pay the medical expenses of the prosecuting witness, pay court costs and to stay away from the "After Hours Club."

Joseph Billinger, who was sentenced to from one to two years in jail for felonious

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Expect Second Primary In Representatives Race

With a light turnout at the polls throughout the district, only one candidate for the state House of Representatives received a majority. A run-off for the other three seats is expected.

Gus Speros of Maxton received 9976 votes in the district, 1091 more than the 7985 needed for a majority. Neill McFadyen, representative from Raeford was 28 votes short of a majority, with a district total of 7957. He led the ticket in Hoke County with 1298, with his closest competitor, Joy J. Johnson, polling 1014.

Running behind Speros and McFadyen in the district are Johnson with 7850 votes; Odom with 7043; Campbell with 6601; Sinclair with 6358 and Hall with 5974. These are the candidates expected to be involved in a second primary if a run-off is called for.

Trailing them on the ticket were Lowery with 4749; Britt with 3964 and Watson with 3403.

Incumbent District Court Judge George Stuhl was defeated in the district, losing Hoke County to Seavy Carroll by 169 votes. Carroll also carried Cumberland County.

Representative Alton A. Lennon also scored a narrow victory in Hoke County over challenger Charles Rose. With only 41 per cent of the registered voters going to the polls, Lennon defeated Rose by 195 votes.

The incumbent county commissioners and members of the board of education also won by substantial margins. On the board of commissioners, John Balfour led the ticket with 1263. T.C. Jones was next with 1245 and Ralph Barnhart was third with 1225.

Neil W. McPhatter was the closest challenger with 983 votes. G.A. Robinson got 893 and Peter Dial, Jr., got 848.

On the school board, incumbents Riley Jordan, A. Wilton Wood, Jr., D.R. Huff, Jr., W. L. Howell, Jr. and Bobby Gibson were all re-elected. W.T. McAllister trailed the leading five candidates by 133 votes.

For Coroner Franklin Crumpler scored an easy victory with 1382 votes. James C. Lentz received 721 votes and Donald Ned Hicks got 108.

Jack A. Thompson for solicitor also carried the county substantially with 1418 votes to Lacy S. Hair's 620. Thompson also carried Cumberland County.

For the State Court of Appeals, Martin carried Hoke 1112 to Hedrick's 923 but Hedrick was elected.

On the Republican ticket, Frederick Weber carried the county with 22 votes to L.C. Flowers 12 votes.

Group Studies Changing County Government

A study commission has been formed to consider altering county government to include an elected county executive and eliminating all other elected county offices except the board of commissioners.

Hoke County Sheriff D.M. Barrington received a questionnaire explaining the proposal from Sheriff W.G. Clark of Cumberland County, who was appointed head of the Law Enforcement Area of the North Carolina Government Study Commission.

The group met in Raleigh April 23 to begin investigation of the structure and function of local government and are to report back to the full commission with their recommendations in September, Sheriff Clark wrote.

Under the proposed form, which was drawn up by John T. Morrissey, Sr., executive director and general counsel for the Government Study Commission, the county would be administered by a county political leader, who would have the executive powers and responsibilities.

Sheriff Barrington said he strongly opposed the concept. "This places all the power in one man," he said. "And I am opposed to anything that takes away from opportunity of the people to choose their elected officials."

Auto Accidents Injure Seven

Three serious wrecks involving four cars in the past four days have injured seven persons.

Clyde Leon Wyrick, Jr. was injured Friday night in a one car accident at the intersection of N.C. 20 and the road to Arabia and Charles Linwood Hayes was seriously injured Saturday night in a one-car accident at Davis Bridge on Sandy Grove Church Road.

A two-car accident Tuesday morning at Antioch Church left five persons

injured. A passenger, Wilbert Roper of White Plains, N.Y. in one of the cars was listed in critical condition in intensive care Tuesday at Moore Memorial Hospital.

Lewis Hayward Roper, of White Plains, N.Y. ran a stop sign at the intersection of R.P. 105 and NC 211 at Antioch Church Tuesday and struck the car of Cary Junior McQueen of Red Springs.

Injured in the collision were Lewis See ACCIDENTS, Page 11, Sec. 1