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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

The turnout of voters in the second primary election last Saturday was very disappointing. When about 25% of the voters decide an election, the issue at stake must not be important. But the election last Saturday named the members of the House of Representatives for North Carolina who will raise or lower taxes for the next two years. Is this important?

When the legislature was in session last year all one could hear was tobacco tax, gasoline tax and other items that were placed in the tax package. The only place that tax issues can be settled are at the ballot boxes. So from the turnout of voters last week and also in the May 2nd primary, it would seem most voters are satisfied with the tax program of our state. It also seems that most citizens are wanting the minority to run this state and county. This is what I gather from the way citizens leave the voting to just a few.

Maybe we will wake up one of these days as citizens of other countries have done after a minority of voters took over the government. Two that most can remember are Hitler and the Communists. Time will tell.

A few people asked me if the softball results got into last week's paper after the comment in this column that they were on the sport page. We must say "No" they were not in the paper. The column was written on Tuesday and softball results usually get to the office on Wednesday morning. Last week the results arrived after the paper had gone to press. We certainly expect the results and standings to be in this week's paper. Check anyway.

The games last week showed improvement by some of the teams that are playing for the first time. Also the fans are increasing each game and the increase has swelled the razzing that is part of this game. The price is free so come out for a night's fun.

A call last week from Raz Autry informed me that he came in second at the Blueberry Golf tournament. He said to print it because I didn't mind putting his 90 in the paper a few weeks ago. It is in the paper Raz, but we have been wondering if the pressure of playing before the local fans caused that 90 at Arabia.

The following letter was received last week by W. Hilton Graham a former Raeford resident who is now a patient at Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville:

Dear Noble Graham,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I advise during the Business meeting of Sudan Temple held in Wilmington on May 23, 1970, you and other living charter members of Sudan Temple were elected to Life Membership. Your election to life membership was for meritorious service in the long number of years you have served Sudan Temple, Masonry, and your community. This is indeed a great honor and one which you are most deserving of; and it is a pleasure for us to enroll you as such on the permanent records of Sudan Temple. You will not pay for any future dues and each year your annual card will be mailed with the love and esteem of the entire Nobility.

Knowing that it will be of interest to you, we are listing the living Charter members.

W.N. Hackney, Wilson, Fred I. Sutton, Kinston, W.H.S. Burgwyn, Woodland, Clifton R. Shuler, Rocky Mount, J.H. Cutchin, Whitakers, W. Hilton Graham, Red Springs, Ross H. Reynolds, Raleigh, and T.T. Wellons, Raleigh.

May I take this means of adding my personal congratulations and appreciation along with that of Illustrious Potentate Luther Cromatic and the more than 9500 members of our great Temple?

Wishing for you and yours the very best, I am Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Nelson B. Banks, Recorder.

Party Rules Outlined For Demo Precinct Meetings

Democratic Party precinct meetings to elect the precinct committees will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the polling places in each precinct.

A precinct committee of 10 active party members who live in that precinct will be elected. The membership of the committee, under party rules, must bear a reasonable relationship to the make-up of the registered Democrats of the precinct as to sex, age, race, and where practical, geography.

The offices are chairman, three vice-chairmen and secretary-treasurer.

In selecting precinct committee

Johnson Leads Ticket With 5386 McFadyen Wins Seat By 7 Votes

Soldier Dies

In 401 Wreck

A Ft. Bragg soldier was killed and a truck driver seriously injured in a car-truck collision on US 401 South near Bowmore early Saturday morning.

The accident happened at 5 a.m. Saturday morning about a quarter of a mile north of Bowmore.

A 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, driven by E. 6 Victor Manuel Martinez, of Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, crossed the center line and hit, almost head-on, a tractor-trailer driven by Fred Spencer, 50 of Raleigh.

The speed of the auto was estimated at 70 mph and the truck was traveling about 50 mph, Highway Patrolmen Joe Stanley, who investigated the accident, said. Neither driver appeared to have applied brakes before the collision.

On the impact, the car was knocked over to the left side of the highway and the truck continued moving until it ran into an embankment.

Martinez, 26, who was originally from Larado, Tex., was killed instantly.

Spencer was taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital and was then transferred with serious injuries to Wake Memorial Hospital.

A passenger in the Martinez car, E-5 Walter W. Greenwald, of Ft. Bragg, was treated at Scotland Memorial Hospital and transferred to Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg.

A passenger in the Colonial Foods truck, Steven Allen Bass, 16, of Raleigh,

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FATAL CRASH - A Ft. Bragg soldier, Victor Manuel Martinez, died in a car-truck collision on 401 South near Bowmore early Saturday morning.

Commissioners Discuss Yearly Tax Collection

County tax collections are about one per cent behind last year's totals, the county board of commissioners was told Monday at the regular June meeting of the board.

An uncollected balance of \$180,537.33 of the 1969 tax levy remains. A total of 78.07 per cent has been collected this year. Last year at this time, 79.68 per cent had been collected.

Tax collector B.H. Thornberg reported to the commissioners on recent actions such as garnishments he had taken to collect late tax payments.

The commissioners approved the release of 294 names from the active tax roles. The list includes persons who no longer live in the county or whose address is not known.

A delegation headed by Furman O. Clark, county soil conservation agent, outlined the need for a soil survey to be made of the entire county. They presented copies of a soil survey prepared for Scotland County and explained uses of it for agriculture, industry and housing.

A soil survey of 152,000 acres of private land that has not been mapped in Hoke could be done in connection with a similar survey in Cumberland County which will be started next year, they said. The cost to the county would be half of

the actual cost of the technical expenses, up to a maximum of \$15,000.

John Reid Davis came before the board to explain plans for the Rescue Squad to purchase the building the squad is now using from the T.B. Upchurch Corporation.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington requested that the jail cell walls and ceiling, which were not painted when the new jail was built, be painted at an approximate cost of \$225. The commissioners approved the request.

The sheriff also announced the hiring of a new deputy sheriff, Robert Graham, to replace James Adams, who died last month.

The board discussed plans for the addition to the county health center and approved the hiring of an architect.

The board also approved expenses for the sheriff and his family to attend the state sheriff's convention in Boone in July; approved the purchase of a copier and a transcriber for the department of social services and awarded a contract to conduct the audit for the county to A.K. Lavin, CPA.

The death benefit contract for county employees was also renewed by the county.

The board also heard reports from the county farm agent and home extension agent.

Speed Limits Extended At City Council Meeting

The city council modified the speed laws at the request of the State Highway Commission in action taken at the June meeting of the council.

The 35 mph limit was extended out Central Ave (Business 401) past the St Paul's road (N.C. 20).

The board approved a motion to advertise for bids for two pickup trucks to be used in the operations of the street and water departments.

A tentative budget schedule was presented to the councilmen for study until the regular budget meeting which will be held later this month.

The board refused a request by Mrs. J.C. McLean for payment of \$25 for

Wrecks Total Seven So Far

A rash of wrecks broke out in Raeford this week, with seven accidents occurring in the first three days of the week.

Although property damage was heavy, there were only minor injuries to the occupants of the cars.

Students were involved in four of the accidents.



Jerry Osborne

Osborne To Coach Basketball

Jerry Randall Osborne, head basketball coach at East Montgomery High School for the past six years, is the new basketball coach next year for Hoke High, Raz Autry, principal, announced.

He will replace Larry Phillips, who is leaving this week to work for House of Raeford.

Osborne, a graduate of Elon College with a degree in physical education, lettered in basketball there and served as a coach for the freshman basketball team during his senior year. He was an outstanding high school athlete and lettered in basketball and basketball for four years at Stafield High School.

He has taught physical education, biology and physical science at East Montgomery since 1964. For the past five years he has also served as head baseball coach and has coached junior varsity football for three years.

During the time he coached basketball at East Montgomery, he had several outstanding teams. The 1966 team was second in the conference with a 19-6 record and won the conference tournament to go on to the district. The 1967 team was conference runner-up with an 18-6 record.

Osborne is married to the former Sherry Deese of Locust and they have two children, a girl, 2 1/2 years old and a boy, seven months. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Locust.

Play Saturday

Raeford Junior Tar Heel team will play Wilmington in a double-header Saturday night at Armory Park.

The first game begins at 6:30 p.m.

Hoke County kept its representative in the state House by a margin of seven votes in a run-off primary last Saturday that featured a small turnout with a heavy single-shot vote.

Rep. Neil McFadyen defeated Roger Hall, of Robeson County, by seven votes, to win a sixth term in the House of Representatives.

In unofficial returns, McFadyen was ahead of Hall by only two votes, but the official canvass Tuesday added another five votes in Robeson County for a total of 4897 to Hall's 4890.

Joy J. Johnson, a Negro minister from Farmont, led the ticket with 888 votes in Hoke County and 5386 in the 24th District, which is composed of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties. Mrs. Mary Odum was second with 5114.

The total number of votes cast in Hoke County was 1478 or 26.8 per cent of the registered voters. J. Scott Poole, elections board chairman, said.

Many of the voters cast only one vote on the ticket instead of voting for all three seats. In precinct 5, Johnson received 356 votes out of the 358 votes cast there. The other three candidates together received only 36 votes in that precinct.

Raeford precincts one and two also had large votes, with 332 votes cast in precinct one and 303 in precinct two.

Three of the four district seats were filled in the run-off primary. Gus Speros was elected by a majority in the first primary May 2. Hall, who ran seventh on the ticket in the first primary called for a run-off. R.L. Campbell and D.J. Sinclair, Jr. who ran fifth and sixth in the May primary, declined to run in the second primary, which was between Hall, Johnson, McFadyen and Mrs. Odum, a Washington, D.C. resident.

The district vote was Johnson, 5386; Odum, 5114; McFadyen, 4897 and Hall, 4890.

In Hoke County the totals were Johnson, 888; McFadyen, 818; Odum, 718 and Hall, 707.

The results for Robeson County were Johnson, 3461; Hall, 3130; Odum, 2894 and McFadyen, 2790.

In Scotland County the totals were Odum, 1502; McFadyen, 1289; Hall, 1053 and Johnson, 1037.

In Hoke County, the results from the following precincts were:

	Johnson	Odum	McFadyen	Hall
Allendale	39	27	32	15
Antioch	18	35	38	39
Blue Springs	78	39	46	41
Buchan	42	35	31	19
McCain	67	32	31	27
Puppy Creek	34	48	50	44
Raeford 1	88	134	157	142
Raeford 2	46	150	190	161
Raeford 3	47	29	36	31
Raeford 4	31	75	85	65
Raeford 5	356	13	15	8
Rockfish	11	26	28	26
Stonewall	31	75	70	80

Wagon Train To Move June 12th

Horsemen, campers and wagonmen will gather Thursday afternoon, June 11 in the lot by the National Guard Armory to begin the annual Hoke Wagon Train.

The group will camp out at the Armory June 11, departing at 4 p.m. and will start the wagon trip Friday morning June 12 at 8.

A square dance at the Armory beginning at 8 p.m. will kick off the event. A drawing for a pony and cart will be held at 10 p.m. during the dance.

Saddle Club members say the pony and cart are extra nice and are guaranteed to make the wagon train trip. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased at City Hall or from members of the Saddle Club.

Friday morning, the train will leave Raeford and travel along Turnpike Road and Five Points to Sinclair's Pond near Ashley Heights, a trip of about 14 miles.

The wagon train is expected to arrive at Sinclair's Pond about 3 p.m. and set up camp for the remainder of the weekend. Games and contest for children and adults will be held Saturday. Saturday night will feature another square dance at the pond.

After an early Sunday morning worship service, the train will return to Raeford, arriving about 2:30 p.m., June 14.

Registration for the train may be done at Conoly's Esso or at Howell's Drug Store. Jimmy Conoly is this year's Wagonmaster and he and Bill Howell are the official registrars.

Registration fees are \$2 per wagon and \$1 for horseback riders.