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Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

The Governor's Luau at Wrightsville Beach drew many old and young Democrats. The weather was perfect for the occasion and everyone seemed to have a big time.

Going to the affair from Hoke County were Rep. N.L. McFadyen, Judge Joe Dupree, Paul Dickson and yours truly.

We ran into Senator Hec McGeachy of Fayetteville and we asked him about the rumors of running for lieutenant governor in the next primary. He said that he was running and for me to announce it in my column this week. We know that this announcement will be highly received by Hoke County people.

Sen. McGeachy has been a booster of Hoke County even before becoming our district senator and we know that we can look for the same treatment if he is elected in the 1972 election.

We also noted that "Skipper" Bowles of Greensboro was running hard for governor. But of course when politicians get together everything is on the friendly side. It won't be long before politicians will start choosing sides and then the verbal battles will begin.

The following was handed to me by Charlie Hottel last week after information had come through channels that Bobby Dew had been killed in Vietnam. Charlie has been real close to all Hoke athletes as bus driver for the teams.

Mountain Dew
He'll always be "Mountain Dew" to me. He drove the school bus and carried my children to school. I drove the activity bus on which he and the basketball team traveled. It was one of these trips that Bobby received his nickname "Mountain Dew".

All the basketball players, W.K. Morgan and myself can recall with a chuckle this incident. Bobby loved good humor and a joke but this night showed he could take a joke too.

He was uncomplicated, dedicated and did not know what "quit" meant. It is young men such as Bobby that make my association with our young athletes so rewarding.

I thank Bobby's parents for his life lived among us, for his willingness to serve in a war we find so hard to understand - But most of all very simply for being "Mountain Dew". Charlie Hottel

Jerry Thompson faculty adviser to the EKO staff at Hoke High asked that the following information be related to parents:

School pictures for the annual will be made at Hoke High School Monday, September 14, 1970.

All boys must wear a coat and tie.

Senior girls will not wear drapes this year; instead, they will be allowed to wear apparel which they feel will flatter them the most. The annual staff asks that dark colored clothes be worn, if possible, because this will help to make a better picture for the annual.

All Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman girls will wear white blouses with dark blue or black cardigan sweaters.

All students please make a special effort to be present Monday for this event.

All students are expected to follow the dress code of the school.

Man Jailed Five Days Before Littering Trial

A man who spent five days in jail awaiting trial for littering was given prayer for judgment and the court costs were remitted by Judge Joseph Dupree in District Court Friday.

Sgt. William Earl Simmons of Wilson had pleaded not guilty to littering ticket issued May 1 but was found guilty. He was jailed on Aug. 31 to await trial on Friday after he had failed to appear in court several times. Simmons explained his absence, saying he had the case continued once; once he had come to court and the arresting officer was on vacation so the case was continued and once he had called to ask if he should be in court that day. However by that time it was too late to come to court, he said. He was on Army training exercises when the last two summons were issued, Simmons said.

Only a dozen cases were heard in the brief session which ended before noon.

Paul Tatum, of Raeford, was found guilty of trespass and was sentenced to six months in jail.

The state took a nol pros

with leave on a charge against Johnny Spencer of Raeford, who was accused of issuing a worthless check for \$35 to John T. Wilson, Jr.

Johnny Leon Spencer of Raeford pleaded guilty to driving while his license was revoked, no liability insurance, and improper vehicle registration. He was sentenced to 12 months suspended for three years on the condition that he not drive until properly licensed to do so. He was fined \$500 and costs.

Artice Perkins, of Parkton, pleaded guilty to failing to report an accident. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended and fined \$25 and costs.

The state took a nol pros with leave upon payment of costs by Wilbert Oxendine of Rt. 4, Red Springs, who was charged with non-support.

No probable cause was found against John Doe, alias Carl Oxendine, who was charged with larceny of an automobile.

Hubert Peterkin of Raeford pleaded guilty to issuing a worthless check for \$11 to Richard McPhatter and was

sentenced to 30 days suspended upon payment of the check and costs.

Erick McPhatter of Raeford was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

Lee Clayton Harris of Lumber Bridge pleaded guilty to driving without a license and was sentenced to 30 days suspended. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Sadie Jones Holliday of Red Springs was found not guilty of unsafe movement.

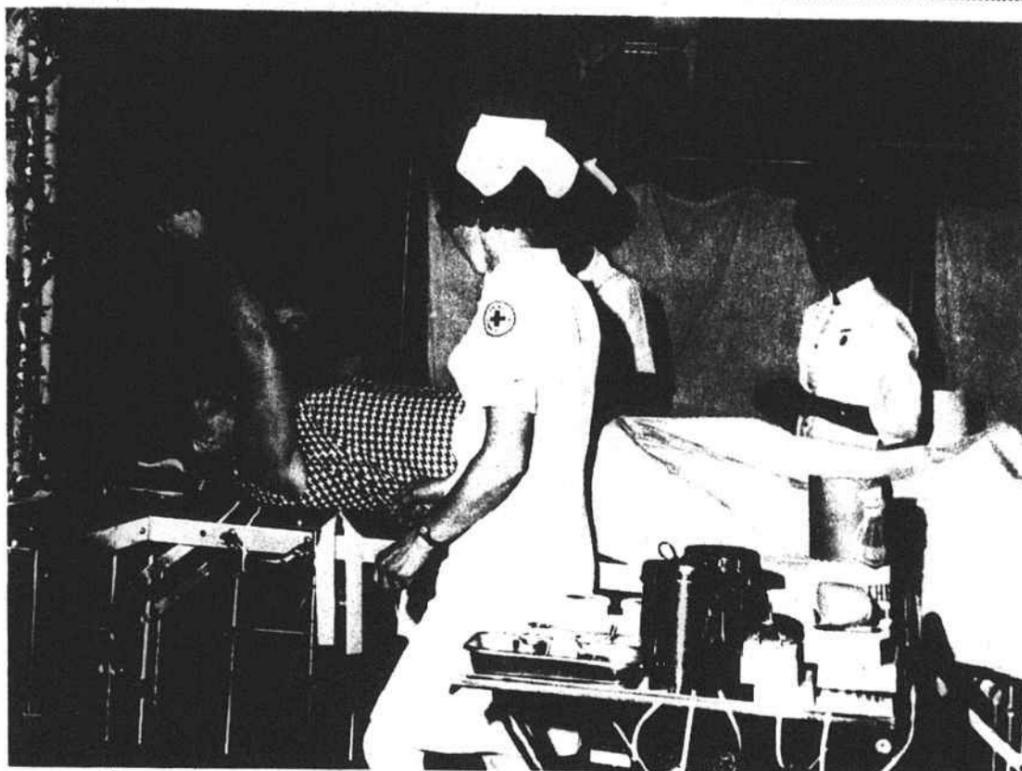
John Carson Caulder of Raeford pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced to six months in jail suspended for two years on the condition that he not violate any state penal laws during that time. He was ordered not to drive for the next 12 months except under the limited driving privilege granted by the court and he was fined \$100 and court costs.

MAGISTRATE COURT
The following cases were heard in Magistrate's Court:

James L. Southerland, Brooklyn, N.Y., failing to dim headlights to approaching traffic, costs.

Virginia B. Porter, Raeford, worthless check for \$3 to Pete

Phone Company Representatives Answer Board On Toll-Free Calls



A GIFT OF BLOOD - Mrs. Milo Postel donates blood during the Bloodmobile visit to Raeford last Wednesday. In one of the small turnouts in recent visits, there were more volunteers to man the Bloodmobile stations than there were donors. A total of 39 donors and 41 volunteer workers participated in the drive. However, six housewives and four others from the town provided an unusually high total of non-industry connected donors, Bloodmobile chairman Clyde Upchurch said. There were 15 donors from McCain, 8 from Burlington, 5 from Tex-Elastic and 1 from Raeford Turkey Farms.

Gardner Opposes Zoning Ordinance

Hugh Gardner is fighting City Hall. The new zoning ordinance, which the city council is scheduled to act Thursday night, will change the zone in which Gardner's house and the lots on either side are located from residential to light industrial.

The industrial zone on South Main Street is to be extended to the Chisholm property line and then is to connect with industrial property along Stewart Street. This will take Gardner's property into the zone and he doesn't like it.

"All I ask is don't zone me industrial and don't wrap me into my property line with industry," Gardner told the councilmen at the public hearing on the zoning ordinance held Aug. 31.

Gardner said he had been fighting the new districting since the ordinance was first proposed by the planning board last spring. He attended the first public hearing in April, at which only 15 persons were present. Since then, he said he has

investigated buying land to surround his property but some of the land wasn't for sale and another portion was too expensive.

"I don't have \$10,000 to spend on land that I don't have any use for, just to provide protection for the place I live in," he said.

Gardner also appeared before the meeting of the planning board on Sept. 1, to request a change in the proposed ordinance.

Gardner said he had suggested three alternatives to the present proposal. In the first, he asked that a line be extended from Stewart Street to the new road that was built into the industrial site and that the block along South Main remain residential.

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This was not acceptable to the city council, he said. As a second proposal, Gardner said he suggested that a street be built down his south property line to provide a barrier from the industrial zoning.

As a last resort, Gardner said he asked that his property be zoned commercial. "Then I might could develop it when the area became such that I couldn't live there anymore," he said.

The city council suggested that the light industrial zone could be changed to exclude the three residential lots, but this was not acceptable Gardner said because it would leave him surrounded with industry.

"I am not against industry coming in here. We need it and if my property being residential will keep industry out, I'll sacrifice it. But I'm just trying to see if there is any other solution."

Gardner emphasized that there were no hard feelings on his part over the matter. "I'm not mad at anybody," he said. "I'm just trying to protect myself. But I'm a firm believer in the democratic process where you state your position and then abide by the decisions of the majority."

Council Meets Thursday Night

The regular September meeting of the city council will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The meeting, which is usually held the first Monday night of each month, was postponed this month because of Labor Day. The date of the meeting was erroneously reported in last week's edition as being changed to Sept. 14.

Only 9 Added To Hoke Census

Only nine persons were added to the Hoke County census figures as a result of the "Were You Counted" campaign bureau officials in Charlotte announced this week.

There were 19 additional census forms turned in to the census office by county officials who collected the forms after census workers had failed to pick them up.

Of this number, 16 households, representing 43 people, were found to have been enumerated by the census office. Three households, representing 9 persons, were apparently not enumerated and were added to the census records for Hoke County. Joseph R. Norwood, regional director, said.

"This represents less than 1/5 of 1% of your total population," he pointed out. Norwood also said that the census bureau was conducting a further check of missed households through the local post office.

"Our experience to date indicates that households added through local 'Were You Counted' campaigns, such as yours, would have been picked up by this quality check," he said.

Norwood said the final and official census figure for Hoke County will be published later this year. A preliminary report listed the county's population at 16,246. This was 110 fewer residents than in 1960.

SP4 Robert Dew Killed Last Week In Vietnam

SP4 Robert Earl Dew, 21, was killed in a rocket attack in Na Trang last week. This is the sixth serviceman from Hoke County killed in Vietnam.

He had served in Vietnam a total of 13 months when he was killed. He served 11 months in that country and then returned to Raeford for a leave before going back to Vietnam July 6.

SP4 Dew had been in the Army for two years. He was serving with the 330th Radio Research Battalion at the time of his death.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dew of Raeford. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Doris and Margaret Dew of the home; six brothers, Harold Dew of Drakes Branch, Va., Fred Dew and Charles Dew of Fayetteville; Harry Dew of Lumberton and Kenneth and Edward Dew of the home; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Graham of Lumberton. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

A delegation from the phone company met with the county commissioners at a board meeting Tuesday to explain procedures in establishing toll-free service between Raeford and Red Springs.

Thornton Rose, district commercial manager of Fayetteville; Ear Wooten, forecast and tariff manager of Tarboro; Glenn Daughteridge, commercial manager of Fayetteville; and Archie Outland, development supervisor of Fayetteville, appeared before the commissioners in response to a resolution introduced last month by John Balfour to look into the matter of establishing direct service between the portions of the county that are now on different exchanges.

Also appearing at the meeting, at the invitation of the county board, were Harold Gillis, Hoke-Raeford Chamber of Commerce; D.D. Abernethy, county school superintendent; Robert Gibson, county board of education; Wendell Young, farm agent and Mrs. Ellen Willis, home economics agent.

Rose told the commissioners that any move to establish toll free service must come from organized groups with in the county in order to demonstrate support for the plan. Once sufficient support is gained, he said, the company will then make a cost and engineering study on the matter. The proposal must then be presented to the Utilities Commission for approval, along with a vote by the telephone subscribers in both the Red Springs and the Raeford area. It would take about three years to obtain approval and to make the necessary changes, Rose said.

At the present time there are sufficient calls per day between Raeford and Red Springs to warrant making it a toll exchange, he said. If it is approved, the increased costs will be pro-rated among all the telephone subscribers in the two systems.

At the beginning of the meeting, the commissioners endorsed the Hoke-Raeford Community Water System and approved a letter saying the system boundaries would not conflict with any plans of the county or any zoning ordinances.

A resolution of interest was passed stating the boards interest in joining with other counties and towns in Region "N" to form a Council of Governments. The commissioners planned to attend an initial meeting next Monday at the Robeson County Memorial Library to determine the cities and towns who will join. Another meeting is planned for Sept. 21 to elect officers, adopt by-laws and discuss business.

A letter from Dorothea Dix Hospital announcing the change in rates to \$12 a day was discussed by the commissioners. Sheriff D.M. Barrington appeared before the board to explain his legal obligation to provide transportation for persons committed to the hospital. The board decided to have county attorney Charles Hostetler look into the financial obligations to the county to pay for indigent patients committed to the hospital. About 25 persons a year are sent to the state mental institution from Hoke County, Sheriff Barrington said.

The purchase of a new mimeograph machine for \$585 to be used by all the county offices was approved. A special fund from the civil defense office will pay half of the cost.

The board approved a petition calling for a fire tax election in the Pine Hill Fire District in Quewville.

The commissioners also approved a request to place on the state maintained system the Currie farm road, which runs between state roads 1206 and 1203.

The county attorney presented an opinion on the city's request for \$5,000 a year allocation for water and sewer

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SP4 Robert Dew