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Bowman Defeated Monday Night 14-7

Hoke High Bucks Win Conference Crown

Sanford Here Friday At 8:00

By Laurie Telfair

Those amazing Bucks, who weren't picked to do more than break even by the pre-season sages, wrapped up the Southeastern 3A Conference crown Monday night with a 14-7 victory over Bowman.

This marks the first time a Hoke High team has made the play-offs with either a first or a second place team. Raeford will host the second place team in the District III conference November 13. This is expected to be either Roxboro, Northern Durham or Southern Durham, Raz Autry, Hoke High principal, said.

Raeford will wind up the season tomorrow night on their home field with Sanford, but the outcome of the game will not effect the conference title. Kick-off is at 8 p.m.

The second place winner in the SE3A conference, which is expected to be Pinecrest or Laurinburg, will meet the winner of the Pioneer conference there.

If Raeford wins the first play-off game, they will play the winner of the Pioneer conference - number two SE3A match on the Buck's home field.

A win in that game will send the Bucks traveling to meet the winner of the remainder of the eastern 3-A conferences on the home site of that team for the final post-season game, Autry explained. The information on the play-offs was given to him by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. The Bucks made head coach John Pecora a happy man Monday, earning Raeford the first conference title in its history.

"This little group of kids are setting records all right," he said. "They have been a bunch of surprises every week."

The team was treated to a steak dinner Tuesday night to celebrate their win. Coach Pecora has been chosen "Coach of the Week" by the state broadcasters once during the Bucks 8-0-1 season, after they defeated Laurinburg Scotland.

Before the season began, the Bucks were figured to break even for the season. Coach Pecora cited the inexperience of his team.

"The only offensive players on the team who played varsity last year are Rusty Mabe, Frank Williamson and Billy McNeill," he said. "Cecil Campbell played varsity last year, but he was a linebacker."

The rest of his team had either played no football at all, like Russell Davis, or had only played JV ball, like David Wood, he explained.

Coach Pecora always stressed the difficulty of the coming ballgame and this week is no exception.

"We know we can expect a tough game from Sanford," he said. "They can play a real good game."

Jubilant over the title was not limited to the team and coaches.

C.D. Bounds described his reaction when the Bucks took the title with a touchdown in the last 42 seconds of the Bowman game.

"I fell out of the broadcaster's booth and George Wood was under the table," he said.

Skipper Dickson called it the biggest thing to happen in Raeford this year.

Larry Phillips, former coach of the JV football team and head basketball coach last year, said "My throat is hoarse and my hands are sore from pounding the cement cheering during that game."

"I can't put into words what that football team has got," he said. "They are small and are always outweighed. But those boys have always been winners in heart. Even when they were freshmen, and when the record didn't show it, they were winners at heart."

"They're a gutty bunch of guys."



CHAMPS — Hoke County High School Bucks Southeastern 3A Champs are as follows: 1st Row - Mgr. Roy Lee Handon, Wayne Manning, David Matherly, Cecil Campbell, Tim Hawks, Marty Jones, Rusty Mabe, Earl McQueen, Steve Plummer, Joe Atkins, Alexander Goldsmith; 2nd Row - Harvey Farmer, William Wood, Mark Heath, Don Williamson, Danny McGougan, Tom Howell, Mike Wood, David Allison, Robert Rucker, James McKoy; 3rd Row - (standing) Asst. Coach Glenn Langdon, Jim Warner, Donny Smith, Michael Adkinson, Kenneth Hendrix, Henry Harris, James Blackwell, Mac McNeill, Leland Strother, Russell Davis, Ricky Clark, Bill Poole, Frank Williamson, David Wood, David Willis, Jerry Tucker, Charles Crowder, Gregory Burk, Bruce Morrison, Skip Autry, James Rogers, Barry Inman, John Pecora, Head Coach. -- Photo by Kim Gilmore

Around Town

By SAM MORRIS

The Hoke High School Bucks had to fight until the final seconds, but did so and gained first place in the Southeast 3-A Conference. The clock showed 40 seconds when McNeill added the extra point after a touchdown on a pass from Wood to Davis. This broke a 7-7 deadlock and the dream of the team and coaching staff came true.

Coach John Pecora and his staff deserve high praise for taking an inexperienced squad and winning a conference that is one of the toughest in the state. We feel that this team is great, because it is a school effort. Praise should also be given to the band, cheerleaders, pep club, student body, faculty and principal.

We think that the red-capped Booster Club members also shared a small part. We are glad to be a part of this group.

Once again, congratulations on a job well done!

We are glad to see Col. R.B. Lewis walking back and forth to work again. As stated in this column before you could almost set your clock by his regular routine of going to work. Col. Lewis was in the hospital for a few days and of course when something that is routine stops, you will take notice of it.

We have had inquiries concerning the "Letter to the Editor" that appeared in last week's paper. The writer of the letter was William R. Windley who is Superintendent of Leonard Training School at McCain. He has done an excellent job at the school and is highly respected by all who know him. We thank him for using our media to send his message to the public.

We noticed at the ballgame Monday night that the walking around and moving about in the aisles showed a tremendous improvement. We think that most times that the public will do right if a wrong is called to their attention. We will say that Mr. Windley called it like it was.

We had a call last week to inform us that Mrs. A.A. McInnis was 85 years young. We want to thank the caller and once again say to Mrs. McInnis, keep up the good work.

Raz Autry announces that the two-ball tournament at the Arabia Golf Club will be played Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. Registering for the tournament will be open until November 26. Raz said that a fee of \$15 per team will prevail. So find your partner, send in your fee and get ready for two - days of fun at Arabia.

Bake Sale Slated Sat.

Members of the Eastern Star will hold a bake sale on Main Street Saturday in front of Hoke Drug Company. The sale begins at 9:30 and lasts until the goodies have been sold.

General Election Vote Sets County Record Low

A total of 1,614 persons voted in the county, to set a record low in participation in an off-year election. According to Scott Poole, county chairman of the board of elections, the smallest number of voters before Tuesday to vote in an off-year election was 1,843. There are 5,539 registered voters in the county.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington led the ticket for county offices in a general election that produced no surprises Tuesday.

Barrington, who was unopposed for sheriff, received 1,471 votes.

In the congressional race, incumbent

Alton A. Lennon easily carried the county over Frederick Weber by a vote of 1,373 to 236.

In county offices, all unopposed, Franklin Crumpler, for coroner, was second high on the ticket with 1,459 and E.E. Smith, re-elected clerk of superior court, was third high with 1,453.

The totals for state House of Representatives were: Joy J. Johnson 1,410; Neill L. McFadyen 1,396; Mary H. Odom 1,383 and Gus Speros 1,368.

The results of the county commissioners race were John Balfour,

1,412; Ralph Barnhart, 1,400 and T.C. Jones 1,402.

The vote for board of education was Robert L. Gibson, 1,406; W.L. Howell, Jr., 1,389; D.R. Huff, Jr., 1,377; Riley M. Jordan, 1,399; and A. Wilton Wood, Jr., 1,392.

The results of the state senators race were John T. Henley 1,397 and Hec McGeachy 1,388.

Jack A. Thompson received 1,416 votes for solicitor.

District Court judges Seavy A. Carroll, Derb S. Carter, Joe Dupree and D.B. Herring, Jr. were also re-elected, however the vote had not been tallied by Wednesday morning. According to Poole, the vote on the judges was expected to be similar to that for the other county offices.

The entire Democratic slate for state officers of the general court were elected.

With the exception of Lennon, who was opposed by the Republican candidate Weber, none of the Democrats running for office were opposed.

All but two of the constitutional amendments passed at the polls. Voters rejected the fourth amendment to change the constitutional provisions on state and local governments taxing and borrowing by a vote of 600 for and 690 against.

The seventh amendment to abolish the literacy requirement of vote lost 682 to 730. However, the literacy test is already prohibited from use by the federal Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1970, so the defeat of the amendment will have little actual effect.

The other amendments, including the controversial and highly promoted second amendment to reorganize the state government, passed by substantial margins.

The totals on the amendments were Amendment 1, 926 for, 460 against; Amendment 2, 891 for, 567 against; Amendment 3, 800 for, 613 against; Amendment 4, 600 for, 690 against; Amendment 5, 836 for, 567 against; Amendment 6, 863 for, 516 against; Amendment 7, 682 for, 730 against.

The two fire district tax elections in the county both carried. West Hoke voted for the fire tax 13 to 0 and Pine Hill carried it 31 to 11.

Hoke Clubs Win Awards

The Rockfish community development club was chosen first place in the large rural club division of the Sandhills Area Development Association and the Stonewall club was named second in the small club division.

The awards were presented Tuesday night at the Sandhills Association's annual awards program held at Samarcand Manor.

The two Hoke County clubs were selected from 59 clubs in a five county area.

Deferment Rules Change

Sam Morris, Chairman of Hoke County Local Board No. 48 announced today that Selective Service policies have been revised to allow a registrant classified in II-S, I-S(C), I-S(H), II-A, III-A(Hardship) or III-A(Fatherhood) to drop his deferment in favor of a I-A classification, provided the registrant requests in writing that his current deferment be cancelled.

This change in policy should be of particular interest, he said, to selective service registrants who hold 1970 lottery numbers higher than the highest number reached by the board. As of November 2, 1970, Morris stated that the highest lottery number reached by this local board is 163.

"It is not anticipated," he added, "that this local board will exceed number 163 as a high for this calendar year; therefore, it will probably be to the advantage for a registrant who holds a 1970 lottery number, and who is currently deferred in II-S, I-S(H), I-S(C), II-A, III-A(Hardship), or III-A (Fatherhood), to request the board to cancel his deferment if he has a lottery number higher than 163."

Morris further pointed out that if such a request is received by the board from such a registrant, he will be reclassified in I-A. This action will permit the registrant to be placed in a lower draft priority during 1971.

"It is, however, most important," Morris added, "that any registrant who desires to make such a request to do so immediately. This will assure the registrant that the board will have an opportunity to act on his request either in November or December."

While recognizing that young men holding lottery numbers over their local board "high" could effectively limit their vulnerability to the draft by being classified into I-A by the year's end, Morris stated that "the law allows young men to elect whether they will apply for a deferment and, therefore, those young men who are granted deferments should be able to drop them if they desire."

"Our purpose," he added, "is to achieve fairness to all registrants in

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City Council Rewords Recreation Fund Offer

The city council Monday night reworded a motion they had approved two weeks ago to provide \$1,500 for a joint county-city recreation program.

The council approved a motion to contribute \$1,500 only if sufficient money is received from other sources to provide an adequate summer recreation program. The council had originally approved the contribution if the county would contribute the remainder of the funds needed to finance the recreation program.

Plans were discussed at the meeting for the annual firemen's supper sponsored by the city for Raeford's volunteer firemen. The supper will be held Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Gibson cafeteria.

The hospitalization insurance for city employees was updated and renewed by the council at an added cost to the city of

\$120.70 a month. The city and employee each pay 50 per cent of the policy. The new hospitalization, which had not been reviewed since 1963, will provide considerably increased coverage, city manager John Gaddy said.

A contract from Rorie Construction Company in Laurinburg requesting that the city provide water service for a proposed subdivision off the Johnson gin road was reviewed by the council but no action was taken. The council requested that the contract be sent to the League of Municipalities before the city considered extending water to the subdivision.

In other action, the council approved the purchase of an 18 inch sewer line to be run from Knit-Away, Inc. to the outfall line near the railroad. They also received the resignation of city policeman Jim West.

Garbage Disposal Topic At County Board Meet

With an eye toward putting the county in the garbage disposal business, the county commissioners met with the county sanitarian and a representative from the state board of health Monday to discuss solid waste disposal.

Russell Mills, sanitarian, and Fred Wood, from the solid waste and vector control division of the state board of health, described two methods of garbage disposal to the commissioners at the regular monthly meeting of the board.

The newest method, which was recommended by Wood, would involve using one truck to collect waste placed in large containers located throughout the

county for disposal in a central landfill. Wood recommended placing about 50 containers in the county.

He also recommended that the county and city operate a joint landfill.

The total cost to begin waste disposal operations, excluding the amount to be paid to the city for use of the landfill and equipment, would be \$38,500. Yearly operating costs would be \$14,500, Wood estimated.

Most of the counties now use a disposal system of several land fills, Wood said. This requires transporting equipment across the county to maintain each fill.

The commissioners requested that the state health board draw plans for both methods of disposal for the county as soon as possible.

Jake Vinson, county supervisor for Farmer's Home Administration, reported to the commissioners that 63 FHA home loans, valued at \$670,840, had been approved for Hoke County during the year. A total of 33 FHA farm loans were approved, valued at \$142,540. Vinson estimated that \$700,000 had been added to the tax base of the county through FHA investments here.

The board approved a recommendation from the county board of health to authorize a full-time clerk's position at the health center instead of the present part-time position.

A proposal to give the rescue squad a portion of a county-owned lot on Adams Street was discussed at length. Commissioner Tom McBryde was appointed as a representative of the board to inspect the lot and meet with county attorney Charles Hostetler and rescue squad members. Commissioner J.A. Webb moved that the lot be given to the squad, pending a ruling on legality by Hostetler. The motion did not receive a second.

Kenneth Davis, a member of A.K. Lovin, CPA, presented the county audit. An annual Christmas contribution of \$25 to the Caswell Center was approved by the board. The commissioners also voted not to sponsor a float in the Christmas parade here Dec. 4.

Chairman T.C. Jones read a letter from the county attorney on financial aid to

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