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## Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Once again the citizens of Hoke County will have the right to vote for the candidate of their choice Saturday, June 3. The vote in the May 6 primary was less than 50% of the registered voters and this was very disappointing. The office seeker looks at the number of votes in a county when that county requests something from his administration. I would urge all citizens of Hoke County to go to the polls Saturday. If you don't vote you have no right to express an opinion as to how the state or nation is being run.

H. R. (Hootch) McLean was by the office this week and was talking about T. J. (Tom) McGill. According to Mr. McLean, Mr. McGill also sold sewing machines as well as repairing them. He stated that Tom McGill would deliver the sewing machine with a horse and wagon. At one time McGill had a balking horse and as everyone knows that could cause problems. One day the horse balked, according to Mr. McLean's tale, and McGill had a shocking machine on the wagon and he touched the wires to the horse to get it to move and the shock killed the horse. It happened up near where Brulington Mills is now located. We cannot verify this but you can talk to Mr. McLean about it.

I have always been opposed to laws that would take away from the people of this country the right to possess weapons to protect their homes, but it looks like something must be done to get guns out of the hands of unstable people. The shooting in North Hills in Raleigh is something that is hard for sensible people to understand.

I don't know the answer to this problem but I believe that a country that can put people on the moon can find some kind of a solution to bring law and order back to this country. I think that the judicial system of our country has taken away the threat of punishment that would cause anyone to think twice before committing an act of violence. Something must be done and fast or our country will go down like other great nations. We must return to the old saying of "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

This is our graduation issue and I offer congratulations to the class of 1972. May you strive in the years ahead to turn this country back to the law and order country that our forefathers built for us.

## Senior Citizens

The Raeford Senior Citizens Friendship Club will meet at 2:30 p.m., June 6, at the Raeford Methodist Church. All members are asked to bring an unusual wedding, graduation or other gift they received or their oldest or most unique piece of jewelry to show the other members. Members are also asked to bring old newspapers for the newspaper drive.

## Hoke Sheriff's Dept.

### Investigate Break-Ins

The Hoke County Sheriff's Dept. investigated several break-ins during the past week.

Last Friday night, a home under construction was entered and a 10-inch table saw valued at \$400 was stolen from the Dial and Tyler Construction Co. of Red Springs. The house under construction belongs to Harry Goins, Rt. 1, Shannon.

Sheriff D. M. Barrington said that entry had apparently been gained through the front door of the house, which was unlocked.

W. P. Saunders' Lake Elizabeth cabin was broken into for the second time last Sunday. The cottage had previously been entered the week before and a quantity of canned goods and bedding was missing. This week, however, thieves went after bigger stakes -- a television and stereo valued at \$800. Entry was gained through a back window after forcing gates leading to the property open. Apparently one of the gates had been opened with a key, according to the Sheriff's report. The staff of the Sheriff's Dept. are still investigating both break-ins.

Two persons from Selma, Ala., have been arrested for another break-in which occurred last week in Hoke County at the unoccupied home of the late Mrs. Sally McKeithan, Rt. 2, Raeford.

Arrest was made on the testimony of a witness, Mrs. McKeithan's son, Cecil, who lives next door. He heard a noise and went to the house to investigate, but intruders ran and sped away in a pick-up truck. He was able to describe the truck to the Sheriff's Dept., however, and Deputies Harvey Young and Robert Graham apprehended the thieves. All of the goods stolen were recovered from the truck.



CHARRED REMAINS - Photo shows the destruction of an abandoned house on N. C. 211, across from the Moose Lodge, after arsonists struck Hoke County late Tuesday night. Although damage was extensive, there were no injuries resulting from the eight fires.

## Democrats Hold Convention

R. Palmer Willcox was elected to succeed Sam Morris as chairman of the Hoke Democratic party at their convention held last Saturday at the courthouse. He was opposed by W.T. McAllister, who received votes from Raeford No. 5 and Allendale precincts, but Willcox received all other votes.

Other executive committee officers elected for a two-year term were Mrs. Jeff Harris, 1st Vice Chairman; Mrs. Ben Davis, 2nd Vice Chairman; Joe Dupree, Jr., 3d Vice Chairman; Dorothy Johnson, secretary; and Franklin Teal, treasurer.

The hour and a half meeting of Hoke's Democrats began at 1 p.m. in the Hoke Courthouse, and was attended by approximately 125 persons.

Hoke's Democrats also elected delegates Saturday's meeting to the congressional District Convention, to be held June 10, and the State Convention, to be held June 20. It was decided that the same delegation would represent the county at both of the upcoming meetings.

The 11 delegates elected were: J. Morrissey, Raeford No. 3; R. Palmer Willcox, Raeford No. 2; W.T. McAllister, Blue Springs; Clayton Bouyer, Raeford No. 4; W.B. McDiarmid, Antioch; Bobby B. McNeill, Raeford No. 1; Peter Sawyer Jr., McCain; Mrs. Clayton Bouyer, Raeford No. 4; Marvin Bullard, Buchanan; Dorothy Johnson, Raeford No. 5; and Mrs. Julian Love, Blue Springs.

Alternates chosen for the two conventions were: Susan Neeley, Puppy Creek; Eddie O'Brian, Antioch; Ozella Bridges, Raeford No. 3; Bill Windley, McCain; Nancy Oxendine, Blue Springs; Mrs. Treva Koonce, Rockfish; James Thomas, Raeford No. 5; Mrs. Mary Ann Melvin, Stonewall; Joe Dupree Jr., Raeford No. 2; Calvin Beatty, Raeford No. 5; and Ben Davis Jr., Buchanan.

Chosen for the State Executive

Committee was Dave Currie.

Sam Morris and Mary A. Thomas were chosen for the Senatorial District Executive Committee; Peter Sawyer and Artie McPhatter were named as alternates.

For the House of Representatives Executive Committee, Neil McFadyen and W.T. McAllister were chosen and Younger Snead and Mrs. Marshall Newton were named as alternates.

Chosen for membership on the Judicial District Executive Committee were Philip A. Diehl and Livingston Lyons; Joe Odum and Geneva Bullard were named as alternates.

Jeff Harris and Freddie Smith were named as members of the Congressional District Executive Committee; alternates chosen were Jack Johnson and Mrs. Richard Neeley.

The following persons were chosen for membership on the 13 precinct committees in Hoke County:

Allendale - Chairman - L.A. McGugan; 1st Vice Chairman - Mrs. Marie McCormick; 2nd Vice Chairman - Jessie James Locklear; 3rd Vice Chairman - Stephen Coble; Secretary - Treasurer - Miss Willa McLaughlin, David Liles.

## Essay Winner

Hoke High student Beth Jordan was selected as the area winner and the first place state winner in the Civil Defense Essay Contest.

She will be awarded a \$100 savings bond and an expense-paid trip to the Summer Conference, where she will present her prize winning essay.

## No Projects For County

No new road projects for Hoke were reviewed by the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly letting for bids.

Bids totaling \$12,402,967.37, covering 11 projects in 13 counties were received by the commission to be reviewed when they meet in Raleigh on June 1 at 9:30 a.m. The proposed projects will cover more than 117 miles of road improvements.

## Bloodmobile Visits Hoke

The bloodmobile will make its last visit to Hoke County in this fiscal year on Monday, June 5.

Hoke residents may donate blood anytime between noon - 5:30 p.m., the hours the bloodmobile will be open, in front of the Raeford United Methodist Church. The amount of blood which is needed during this visit is 135 pints, the total amount used by Hoke County since the last visit.

## Fire Guts Raeford Home

Flames swept through the home of Jim Williamson on the Bethel Rd. extension Saturday evening and gutted the interior of the brick house. No one was in the house at the time of the outbreak, about 8:30 p.m.

Williamson said he and his family had left the house after dinner and were at the pond nearby when the fire broke out. He said they "couldn't have been gone more than 15 minutes" when they returned to find the house in flames.

After driving to a neighbor's home to report the fire, Williamson said they tried to open the door to see if anything could be salvaged, but the intense heat forced them to abandon their efforts.

George Wilson, Joe Gillespie, Weldon Locklear, Verlene McKay.

Antioch - Chairman - Plummer Locklear, Jr.; 1st Vice Chairman - Alice Lee McDiarmid; 2nd Vice Chairman - Margaret Baldwin; 3rd Vice Chairman - Joel Dial, Jr.; Secretary - Treasurer - Eddie O'Brian; Jessie Mae Ferguson, Betty Lou Rogers, Walter Gibson, Herbert Gillis, Larry Bullard, Dave Currie, Brownie McDiarmid.

Blue Springs - Chairman - W.T. McAllister, Sr.; 1st Vice Chairman - Mrs. Nancy Oxendine; 2nd Vice Chairman - Miss Margaret Gainey; 3rd Vice Chairman - Willie McKinnon; Secretary - Treasurer -

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## Slight Damage To Hoke Crops

County agent Wendell Young said that farmers of Hoke County are in no immediate danger of major crop damages due to blue mold, which has been showing up in large quantities in some counties near Raleigh.

He said the heavier soils such as clays are more susceptible to this type of disease, but crops grown in the sandy soil in Hoke are less likely to be affected. Young attributed some outbreaks of the mold in parts of Hoke to heavy rains which have fallen during the past two weeks. He said what would help most is "a couple of good, hot, sunny days. Farmers are in no real danger unless the rains continue for about another week."

Young said in his tour of some Hoke farms on Tuesday he found some occurrence of blue mold in tobacco, but damage has been slight and no one has been spraying for it yet. The mold has a sick appearance, mostly on the underside of the leaf, and excessive amounts will cause weight loss to the leaves.

Young also found some cases of weather fleck on tobacco, which are noted by white or brown specks on the top of leaves. The cause of the flecks is ozone, a type of air pollution. Again, one of the main contributing factors to this type of disease is the wet weather that Hoke farmers have had to contend with lately. Young said, however, that the weather flecks are usually not too damaging.

He also found some occurrence of bud worm damage, which has been fairly heavy in some of the fields. The parasites can be controlled with sprays.

Young also cautioned against broadcasting fertilizer across the tops of plants, a practice which is potentially harmful to the leaves. He explained that some of the fertilizer may adhere to the tops of plants if there is any moisture, and this may result in some burning of the leaves.

As far as the cotton crop in Hoke, Young said there is still some dying of cotton seedlings due to cold, wet, atmospheric conditions. He said the amounts of rainfall in Hoke have varied from about 1½ inches near the Red Springs area to about 7½ inches in the Aberdeen area in the past two weeks.

Firemen and volunteers from both Raeford and North Raeford Fire Depts. arrived within minutes of the call and had the flames controlled in a short time. Williamson credited the firemen for doing "a real crack - up job. I would have nothing left if it hadn't been for their fast work in putting out the flames."

Damage to the interior of the house was extensive, but an actual estimate of damages was not available. The brick walls and roof of the house are still intact, however, and Williamson plans to rebuild with the insurance money.

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

## Arsonists Strike Tuesday Night

### Upchurch Graduation

Graduation exercises for Upchurch School will be held at 9 a.m., June 5, in the school auditorium. Speakers will include L.W. Bledsoe, school principal, and Andy Gibson, student representative. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Jack Mansfield and benediction by the Rev. Leroy Horseley.

Pastel dresses of street length have been chosen as attire for graduating girls; boys will wear white or pastel shirts with ties and dress slacks.

Parents and families of graduating students are invited to the exercises which will include recognition of honor students and award winners.

Ushers will be Barbara Locklear, chief, Ann Furr, Barry Ellis, Will Maxwell, Paula Johnson, Susan Townsend, Alice Purdie and Amy Bonds. The school chorus will sing "Born Free" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

## Wagon Train Schedule

The schedule for the 8th annual Hoke Wagon Train has been announced by Henry Maxwell, president of the Saddle Club, which sponsors the event.

Serving as wagon master this year will be Jimmy Conoly. Kick-off for the four days of festivities will be Thursday, June 8, in the camp area next to the Raeford Armory, anytime after 4 p.m. Parading will get into high gear later on that evening with a square dance at 8 p.m. climaxed by the drawing at 10 p.m. for a choice steer to be given away by the Hoke Wagon Train. Tickets are available from any Saddle Club member for \$1 each.

The group will depart the Armory campsite early the next morning at 8 o'clock to journey to Sinclair's Pond. Expected time of arrival has been set for 2 p.m.

The group will spend the rest of Friday and Saturday camped at Sinclair's Pond.

## New Deputy

City policeman Johnny Young will leave the Raeford force on June 1 to join the staff of the Hoke County Sheriff's Dept. as a regular patrol deputy.

Young will replace Deputy Robert Locklear, who is resigning from the Sheriff's Dept. Locklear had been on the staff since 1968.

Young, 24, is a Raeford native and a graduate of Hoke High. He completed his Basic Law Enforcement course at Fayetteville Technical Institute recently. Before joining the Raeford Police Dept. in December of 1971, he resided in Durham. Young's father, Harvey Young, is also a deputy with the Hoke Sheriff's Dept.

The Sheriff's Dept. will hire two additional deputies for the fiscal year 1972-73, which begins July 1.

## Primary Runoffs This Saturday

North Carolina voters will again be called to the polls Saturday to determine which candidates will win their party nominations for several state offices.

Republicans in Hoke County will only have one ballot to mark -- a choice between State Rep. Jim Holshouser and Rocky Mount businessman Jim Gardner for the office of governor. Holshouser was the first in the state to file for a runoff after a close second place finish in the May 6 primary. Gardner fell just shy of the required 50.1 percent margin for a victory in the race.

Democrats will have to make their choices between top runners in the first primary for several state offices. State Sen. Hector McGeachy called for a runoff with Fayetteville attorney Charles Rose in the battle for the Seventh Congressional District seat. McGeachy ran far behind Rose in the three-man field in the first primary, but made the announcement that he would call for a runoff on the deadline day for filing. Rose led in all Seventh District counties except his home county of Cumberland, which Doran Berry won by a slight margin. Rose collected 33,707 votes across the district to McGeachy's 17,858. Since filing for a second primary, however, McGeachy has picked up several important endorsements, including that of Alton Lennon, who is vacating the Seventh District seat.

The Democratic candidate for the

Arsonists struck Hoke County late Tuesday night and set fires off in seven abandoned houses, and one tobacco barn. All of the structures were wooden frame buildings and were destroyed by the flames. There were no injuries.

All eight of the fires were set off between 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m., according to reports from Deputy Harvey Young, who was on duty at the time.

All of the volunteer fire departments in Hoke County were kept busy during the two to three hour period, but none of the buildings could be saved. Remains of several of the structures were still smoldering by mid-morning on Wednesday. Damages were extensive, but an estimate was not yet available.

The Hoke Sheriff's Dept. was put on an intensive alert on the possibility that the fires were set as a distraction to keep authorities away from other crimes in the county, but no reports of other activities such as break-ins were received.

The structures that burned included three homes on N.C. 211, one on U.S. 401, one on Bethel Rd., the old McCormick house on Shannon Rd., one house on Hwy. 20 and a tobacco barn on the Upchurch farm.

Investigations are still being continued by the Sheriff's Dept.

Recreation will include planned games and swimming.

Following an early morning service on Sunday, the campers will depart for Raeford -- arrival is planned between 1 and 2 p.m.

Fees will be \$2 per wagon and \$1 per horseback rider, which must be paid before departure. Each person is responsible for his own food and assorted foods will be available at Sinclair's Pond.

Further information may be obtained from Saddle Club members.

## School Calendar

The June meeting of the Board of Education has been postponed until further notice due to Hoke high graduation exercises, which are scheduled for the same night of the regular monthly meeting of the board.

The board has approved the following calendar for the school year 1972-73:

Aug. 23 - Teachers First Day.  
Aug. 28 - First Day of School.  
Sept. 4 - No School - Labor Day  
Sept. 25 - End 1st month  
Oct. 23 - End 2nd month  
Oct. 24 - No School - Teacher's meeting  
Nov. 21 - End 3rd month  
Nov. 23-24 - No School - Thanksgiving  
Dec. 21 - End 4th month  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 1 - No School - Christmas Vacation  
Jan. 19 - No School - Teacher's work day  
Jan. 30 - End 5th month  
Feb. 27 - End 6th month  
Mar. 27 - End 7th month  
Apr. 17 - 22 - No School - Easter  
April 30 - End 8th month  
May 28 - End of 9th month - last day for students  
May 31 - End of year for teachers.

number one office in the state will also be chosen Saturday as voters decide between Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and Greensboro businessman Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles. Bowles finished first in the May primary with 45.5 percent of the total to Taylor's 37.5 percent in the race for the gubernatorial nomination. In campaigning for the runoff Taylor hit hard at his plan for revising the state income tax which he called "perhaps the most crucial difference" between him and Bowles.

What was termed the "biggest upset in the state" -- the large margin of votes Rep. Nick Galifianakis collected over incumbent B. Everett Jordan in the U.S. Senate race will also finally be settled in Saturday's primary. Although Galifianakis piled up over 49 per cent of votes in the four-way race, Jordan said he thought the May 6 results "were not a true reflection of voter sentiment," and declared that he would call for a runoff.

Democrat John Randolph Ingram also called for a second primary with Russell Secrest in the battle for the party's nomination for Insurance Commissioner, after the two finished with a near tie in the six-man field.

Democrats will also settle another contested battle for a state office -- that between W.C. "Billy" Creel and John C. Brooks for Commissioner of Labor.

Polling hours Saturday will be the same as in the first primary -- 6:30 a.m. -- 7:30 p.m.