

## Around Town

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Until the general election most of us can forget politics for a few months. The primary battles are over and everyone seems to be in a friendly mood. I know from talking with my candidate for governor Monday that he requests all his supporters to back the Democratic winner and forget about the primary. I will do this and hope others will do the same.

I attended the Senior Breakfast Monday at Hoke High and once again came away feeling pride in our school system. Of course everything is not perfect but our school system does not have the problems that some have.

The speeches by students, teachers and the principal were very good and all seem to be trying to get the same idea across - working together.

I also would like to thank Mrs. B. B. Cole, who is retiring for the work she has done in our schools. I had two children to be in her classes and also worked with her in the Democratic Party. Thanks again, Mrs. Cole for a job well done and may you have many years ahead to enjoy life to the fullest.

Attorney H. D. Harrison, Jr. sent the following to me and I think most of the readers of this column will enjoy it.

The article follows:  
Small details were extremely important to newspaper editors of the 1900's. Economics were often mingled with social affairs in news reporting during those years. For instance, this wedding write-up appeared in one of the state weekly newspapers:

"Miss Jennie Jones and Bob Henry were married at the Jones mansion last night. The bride is the daughter of Constable Jones, who has made a good officer and will doubtless be re-elected this spring. He offers a fine horse for sale in another column of this issue. The groom runs a grocery store on Main Street and is a steady patron of our advertising columns. He has a fine line of bargains in his ad this week. All summer he paid two cents more for butter than any other store in town. They were married by Rev. Josiah Butterworth, who last week called at this office and gave a nice order for printing. He is also going into business, and will write fire insurance. So say the business cards we printed for him last week. Jennie and Bob left on the 10 o'clock train for Charleston to visit with the bride's uncle, who, we understand, has lots of money and cancer."

Someone left a pair of children's shoes on the counter at the News-Journal last week and owner can have them by coming by and picking them up.

## Health Department Director Resigns

Hoke County health director Gilbert Hettich will resign his job as of June 30, according to chairman of the joint health boards of Scotland and Hoke Counties, D. D. Abernethy.

Hettich has served as director of the joint boards of Scotland and Hoke since November, 1971. He cited personal reasons for resigning his position with the health department here.

Before accepting the directorship in Hoke and Scotland Counties, Hettich, a Kentucky native, worked in Eastern Kentucky in an Office of Economic Opportunity program which was used as a

# Hoke Votes Along State Lines In Saturday's Primary Runoff

## City Council Sets Tentative Budget

The Raeford City Council set a tentative budget for the fiscal year 1972-73 at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

As of right now, the tax rate remains at \$1.45 per hundred dollars of assessed value, but city manager John Gaddy said that the rates would go down to \$1.10 or less if Burlington Industries is annexed into the city.

Annexation hinges on passage of a water bond vote on July 11. Following the vote the final budget will be set and the new, lower rate incorporated into the budget if the bonds pass.

Gaddy said that annexation of Burlington will add approximately \$55,000 revenue to the total tax base, thus making the lower tax rates possible.

The General Fund budget estimates show a substantial increase of approximately \$100,000 above the 1971-72 budget. This revenue comes from several sources: first, the increase of property tax as a result of new industry and increased building, and also the one cent sales tax which was imposed in Hoke County in October, 1971. The tax increased from one-half to one cent share of gasoline taxes, to be distributed to all municipalities, which gives the city approximately \$20,000 additional revenue.

These revenues, plus the unexpended revenues from the 1971-72 fiscal year reflect the 1972-73 budget increase.

The expenditures of the projected increased revenues will be disbursed about evenly within all departments, which include the Airport and Garbage Disposal Departments, which are new and will require additional revenues to operate and maintain.

The 1972-73 budget estimates of the water and sewer fund show a revenue increase of approximately \$42,000 over last year's totals. This added revenue is a result of added water consumption, mostly by Knit-Away. Funds are to be distributed evenly throughout the water and sewer budget to provide increased service to all customers.

A breakdown of the budget estimates, which does not include the addition of

Burlington Industries, follows:  
General Fund Revenues, \$336,356.23.  
Water & Sewer Revenues, \$329,112.30.  
Total Revenue Estimates: \$695,468.53.  
General Fund Expenditure Estimates:  
General Government, \$95,396.34.  
General Purpose (Town Hall maintenance, etc.), \$4,500.00. Police Dept., \$60,706.00. Fire Dept., \$30,129.45. Street Dept., \$6,787.02. Sanitation Dept., \$41,397.02. Garbage Disposal, \$24,690.40. Airport, \$3,750.00. Other (cemetery, etc.), \$9,000. Total G. F. Expenditure Estimates: \$366,356.23.  
Water-Sewer Fund Expenditure Estimates:  
General Operations (Debt Service, etc.), \$188,311.01. Water Supply, Pumping & Filtering, \$50,525.04. Line Maintenance & Repair, \$36,337.10. Sewer Plant Operation, \$53,939.15. Total W. & S. Expenditure Estimates: \$329,112.30.

Several other actions were taken at Monday's City Council meeting. A bid from Raeford Auto for the purchase of a police car was accepted by the council. The figure quoted by the car dealer was \$3,442.70 for a 1972 model car, to replace an old one.

The council passed a motion to apply to the Governor's Committee on Highway Safety for communications equipment to aid the Raeford Police Dept. and the Hoke County Sheriff's Dept. The new communications equipment, to be installed both in patrol cars and offices will help the two law enforcement departments be more aware of the workings of each other.

Cost of the equipment is estimated at \$4,000, but half of this would come from state matching funds. Hopefully, the new equipment will be in use sometime this year, according to Gaddy.

The council also agreed that surplus equipment, including a police car, dumptruck and tractor, will be put up for sale in the near future. Sale of the items will be advertised.

The council also signed an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration about maintenance of lights for the Raeford Airport. The council hopes to advertise for bids on the lights and runway pavings later this month. The city will be responsible for making sure all lights are in correct operating condition.

County commissioners John Balfour, Ralph Barnhart and Tom McBryde were present at Monday's City Council meeting to discuss operations of the sanitary landfill with the city. No definite actions were taken, however.

All councilmen except Hestel Garrison were present at the meeting.

## Hoke Begins Food Stamps

Hoke County will inaugurate the U. S. Department of Agriculture's food stamp program on July 3.

In making the announcement, county Social Services Director Miss Mabel McDonald points out that Hoke County low-income families may apply now for food stamp help. If qualified, they will be certified in time to start getting food assistance when the program opens.

Food stamp applications are taken daily, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Miss McDonald noted that any family living on a small income may apply for food stamp assistance, and urged all persons who feel they are eligible to apply as soon as possible.

"There is no deadline for applying," Miss McDonald emphasized, "but we urge families to phone for an appointment now so they can be interviewed in time to take part in the program as soon as it opens."

Among those often eligible for food assistance are persons getting social security or some form of retirement pension, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, aid to the physically disabled, old age assistance, veterans checks or pensions, and others forced to live on reduced incomes.

Welfare recipients are especially urged to apply for food stamp help. Miss McDonald noted, taking part in the food stamp program will NOT affect welfare checks in any way, Miss McDonald said. At the same time, officials of USDA's

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FIRE DAMAGE - Interior of the burned out trailer belonging to Betty Young, of the Oakwood Trailer Park. Authorities suspect arson as the cause of the Monday night blaze which caused \$2,500 damages.

## Arson Suspected In Trailer Fire

Fire damaged the interior of a mobile home in the Oakwood Trailer Park Monday night in an apparent case of arson.

The call was placed about 11:20 p.m. to the Raeford Fire Dept. by residents of the area who saw the flames in a trailer belonging to Betty Young, who had been out of town for a few days.

An investigation by Fire Chief Crawford Thomas and the Raeford Police Dept. turned up five empty cans of lighter fluid down the road from the trailer. Thomas said a trail of fluid could be seen from the back door of the trailer all the way to the front. The back door had apparently been unlocked at the time.

Damages to the inside of the trailer

were estimated to be in excess of \$2,500. Flames destroyed the furniture and clothes in one of the bedrooms and most of the bathroom. There was heavy smoke damage throughout the trailer.

City police are investigating the incident. A fire early last Friday morning in the Robbins Heights area caused about \$150 damage to the home of Bertha Leslie at 522 6th St.

Faulty heating wires were believed to be the cause of the blaze, which damaged wiring and some of the moulding in the ceiling.

The call to the Raeford Fire Dept. was placed by Juanita McLean, who was in the house at the time. There were no injuries.

## Commissioners Discuss Trash Pick-Up In Hoke

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners began action Monday for solid waste pick-up throughout the county.

The commissioners agreed to ask for a formal contract from Clyde Leach's firm, the same company that handles the waste disposal in Robeson County, so the trash containers that are needed can be purchased and pick-ups can begin as soon as possible.

Chairman of the board T. C. Jones said that the board "has waited about as long as we can - it's time for us to move." He was in favor of approving a bid already submitted to the board from Leach's firm, but the board decided a formal contract would be necessary before further actions could be taken. The commissioners also plan to discuss landfill operations and pick-ups with the city before making final plans.

Russel Mills, chairman of the environmental health programs in the county told the commissioners he had observed the landfill operation in Bladen

County, and on the basis of the program there, made some suggestions as to what facilities were needed for Hoke County.

Mills said that he estimated about 50 containers, at a cost of \$250 each would be necessary in the county. Pick-ups would be twice a week. Mills said that right now the amount of trash being brought to the landfill "is not what it should be." He said notices were being sent out informing people about the landfill and hours of operation. The landfill "is improving every day," he added.

One improvement Mills suggested is an addition of a cab to the bulldoze; in operation at the landfill, so the operator could work on compacting the trash in all kinds of weather. "The key to a successful operation of a landfill," he explained, "is compacting of the trash as it arrives."

The board hopes to take further actions and have the contract reviewed by their attorney within the next few days. In other actions taken by the board at

Voting in Hoke County followed along state lines in the second primary last Saturday. Voter turnout was light, with only about one third of the county's 6,376 voters showing up at the polls.

The closest race in the Democratic slate was between Charles Rose and Hector McGeachy for the nomination for the Seventh District Congressional seat. Rose led in Hoke, as he did in every county in the district, by finishing 68 votes ahead of McGeachy. The totals in Hoke were 1156 for Rose and 1088 for McGeachy.

Many Hoke voters who had supported Doran Berry in the first primary on May 6, evidently turned their support to McGeachy in the second primary, because Rose finished with a much smaller margin Saturday than he had in the first vote.

Across the state, however, Rose scored heavily and piled up 55.55 percent of votes to McGeachy's 44.44 percent.

Rose called his victory Saturday a "hard fought" one that started three years and three races ago. He said that he wanted to get right to work in the "job of building in the Seventh District. We've got a lot of fences to mend."

In the Democratic state ballot, business Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles scored a victory over Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor. Bowles finished in Hoke with 1,339 to Taylor's 894.

Across the state Bowles swept to an easy victory by compiling 54.4 percent of the total. He went on television shortly after 11 p.m. to claim the nomination. He said it was "a time not for boasting but for pulling together." He promised he would "not rub salt in any wounds" created by his costly runoff with Taylor.

Taylor, appearing on the television program with Bowles, promised support to the Greensboro businessman in the fall election.

The Taylor-Bowles race developed into the most costly campaign in the state's history, in the second runoff in the Democratic party in 24 years.

Bowles used an extensive television campaign and reported expenses in excess of \$800,000. Taylor also turned to the television medium during the runoff and used an extensive outdoor advertising campaign which totaled over \$600,000.

Bowles also finished first in Hoke in the six-man field of the first primary. After announcing that he was calling for a runoff with Bowles, Taylor picked up the endorsements of two of his opponents, labor leader Wilbur Hobby and black Charlotte Dentist Reginald Hawkins.

On the Republican side, Jim Holshouser came from behind in the first

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## Softball Tournament

A softball tournament is scheduled for June 10 at Armory Field.

Games will begin at 5:30 with Pepsi Cola of Fayetteville facing the top Raeford team (House of Raeford or A&P). Then at 6:30 Scottish Packing of Lumberton will face Chavis Plumbing of Laurinburg.

The tournament is a double elimination affair and trophies will be given to the most outstanding player and the champion team.

Admission for children under six will be 25 cents; all others will be 50 cents. Proceeds will be used to help pay for the fence that has been installed at the Armory Field this year.

## Break-Ins Reported

The Hoke County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating a break-in which occurred May 30 at West Hoke School.

Sheriff D.M. Barrington said that access to the building was gained through a rear window. The incident was reported by the school principal, who discovered the break-in at 8:00 a.m.

Two television sets, an air conditioner unit and a film strip viewer, total value set at \$500, were reported missing.

## Summer Reading

The summer reading program at the Hoke County Library begins today, June 8.

The "See, Hear and Read" hour for children through the fifth grade and pre-schoolers will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m., ending August 24.

The first film to be presented as part of the program will be "Elsa, the Lioness." In conjunction with the showing, children will be told a story about lions and books concerning the topic will be displayed.

The library staff plans the summer reading program for recreation only, so no reports or lists will be made.

## Judge Imposes Check Fines

Judge Joseph Dupree said anyone coming to District Court on charges of writing worthless checks will be fined \$10, in addition to having to pay court costs and restitution for the checks.

Dupree said that persons charged with the offense may make restitution to the magistrates and pay for the court costs in the clerk's office. No fine will be imposed by the magistrates.

Dupree said the measure was necessary because "too many people are wasting my time and taking up valuable court time with these worthless checks."