

### Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

The time for the general election is moving into the final week. Next Tuesday the voters will certainly have a choice among the candidates. Not just Democrats and Republicans, but a choice of differences of views on most political issues. I hope these people that are talking about "going fishing" will think again and go to the polls and cast a ballot. If you don't vote, don't complain about the way political offices are being run.

The News-Journal will again have election returns at the office. The public is invited to join us for the occasion. I suspect with the split ticket voting that it will take a few hours to count the ballots. According to reports approximately 75% of Hoke County voters will go to the polls. I hope that the percentage will be higher.

I don't believe Raz Autry ruffled Tom McBryde with his letter in this column last week, according to Harvey Warlick. McBryde said he left the golf course with golf balls given to him for winning his flight and on top of that received front page coverage in The News-Journal. So I would say that McBryde came out on top.

Even the rain last Tuesday didn't dampen the spirits of the citizens of Rockfish as they held the groundbreaking for their new yard plant. After several years of hard work they realized that the hard work was turned into a reality.

This just goes to show what can happen when a group of people work toward a goal. I enjoyed the few hours I was with these people and would like to thank them for inviting me to this occasion.

I have thought about this and wondered what could happen to the many problems we have in Hoke County if everyone would work together to solve them. It seems that the secret to a successful solution is for everyone to get involved. So let's all of us be a volunteer the next time we are asked to help with a worthwhile community project.

The Hoke High Bucks came through in fine style last Friday night against Wadesboro and will be out for another victory Friday night in a contest here with Sanford. So make plans now to be at Hoke High stadium for the final game of the season. Your support could be the difference between a victory or a defeat.

### November Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, the Raeford City Council and the Hoke Board of Education are Monday.

The commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

The School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education building and the City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

# Six-Ballot General Election Expected To Draw Heavy County Vote Tuesday

## Local Visit For Bishop



BISHOP ROBERT M. BLACKBURN

Robert M. Blackburn, bishop of the Raleigh area, will preach at Sunday's 11 a.m. worship hour in the Raeford United Methodist Church. This is the first time a Methodist bishop has preached in the Raeford Church.

Bishop Blackburn will be accompanied by his wife, the former Jeanne Everett of Atlanta, and their youngest child Frances Blackburn.

Bishop Blackburn holds a B.A. degree from Florida Southern College, and a bachelor of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity from LaGrange College, LaGrange, Ga. in 1961.

He was elected bishop and assigned to the Raleigh area in July of this year. Prior to that he served in The First United Methodist Church, Orlando, Fla., which has a membership of more than four thousand.

A picnic and fellowship meal is scheduled in the Raeford church on Sunday. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend and participate in the meal by taking a lunch to be shared.

The Rev. Graham Eubank, Fayetteville district superintendent, will introduce Bishop Blackburn to the congregation. The Rev. Herman Winberry, pastor of the Raeford United Methodist Church says, "I hope every family in our church will be present to welcome our bishop and his family."

### Office Closed

Farmers Home Administration office will be closed ALL day today and Friday. Employees will be attending a program meeting in Fayetteville.

## OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

For President and Vice-President of the United States

- INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER
- To vote this ballot, make a cross (X) mark in the circle below the name of the political party for whose candidate you wish to vote.
  - A vote for the names of political party's candidates for President and Vice-President is a vote for the electors of that party, the names of whom are on file with the Secretary of State.
  - If you tear or damage or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

### DEMOCRATIC

To Vote for Candidates Listed Below



Mark Within This Circle

For President and Vice-President of the United States:

GEORGE S. McGOVERN  
SARGENT SHRIVER

### REPUBLICAN

To Vote for Candidates Listed Below



Mark Within This Circle

For President and Vice-President of the United States:

RICHARD M. NIXON  
SPIRO T. AGNEW

### AMERICAN

To Vote for Candidates Listed Below



Mark Within This Circle

For President and Vice-President of the United States:

JOHN G. SCHMITZ  
THOMAS J. ANDERSON

General Election  
November 7, 1972  
North Carolina

## Investigation Continues, No Charges Filed In Shoot Out

Investigation continues but no charges have been filed in connection with a Hoke County shoot out which reportedly sent three men, one later died, to Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg Oct. 8. A fourth man is still being sought in connection with the incident, reports Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

The dead man, Bender Bullard, 33, Maxton, was admitted to the hospital reportedly suffering gunshot wounds in the lower abdomen and chest.

Wednesday morning Dr. H.A. Bodford, Laurinburg pathologist who performed the autopsy, said the report is not complete and all information will be sent to the N.C. chief medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill.

Other men involved were William Bullard and Clifton Barton, both of Maxton. Barton, who was on weekend pass from the State Department of Correction Central Prison in Raleigh at the time of the shooting, was released from the Scotland Hospital on Oct. 16. It is believed he was transferred to the prison hospital.

Sheriff's reports indicate William Bullard was also admitted to Scotland Hospital but Wednesday morning hospital personnel said they had no record of

William Bullard having been a patient although he was listed as responsible party for Bender Bullard.

The shooting reportedly occurred on the Old Maxton Road about 300 yards inside the Hoke County line. It appears whoever reported the incident thought it happened in Robeson County and reported it to authorities in Red Springs who relayed the information to Elizabethtown. Elizabethtown authorities then passed the call to the Hoke County Sheriff's Office.

The victims were taken to the hospital in private automobiles. By the time he arrived at the hospital all three men were in surgery, said Deputy Sheriff Harvey Young.

The crime was originally listed as entering into an affray with a deadly weapon, but Bullard's death automatically means more serious charges will be filed. It appears a shot gun and two or three pistols were used in the shooting.

## Earns Awards

The Raeford Women's Club earned four awards in Hamlet last week at the District Nine fall meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. The honors were earned in district competition with sixteen other clubs including those from Sanford, Rockingham, and Fayetteville.

The Women's Club yearbook took two awards. It earned first place in competition in the A Division which includes clubs with membership of more than 100. A certificate and blue ribbon was presented for this first place award.

The Raeford book swept to best overall yearbook in competition with junior and general clubs and was awarded a silver Revere bowl and gold ribbon.

The yearbook will now go on to state competition in Asheville in May 1973.

**Community Service Award**  
The local club received the coveted "Gene Earl Award" for community service. A large silver Revere bowl was presented to Mrs. Robert G. Townsend, Raeford president, for this accomplishment.

The award was given in recognition of the many community activities supported by the group. As part of their community service program Women's Club members attend City Council meetings, Board of County Commissioners meetings, and Board of Education meetings. Members of the club also sponsored the highly successful "Meet The Candidate Rally" last Spring.

At state level the Raeford Club earned the most points for the number of volunteer hours given by its members. This award is a tribute to the dedication of local ladies since they were in competition with all clubs, many of them with much larger memberships.

## Four Hurt, Two Charged In City Auto Accidents

Four people were taken to the Raeford Medical Center for treatment following accidents in Raeford recently, said Police Chief James E. Lamont.

Saturday afternoon Ozella Frierson Bridges, 64, Raeford, and Jerry Ray Harrell, 16, were injured when the cars they were driving were involved in an accident at North Main and Prospect.

Patrolman Harold Hooks, cited Ozella Bridges for failure to yield the right of way. The accident report indicates the front of Harrell's car was damaged beyond repair and the Bridges vehicle also received front end damage in the accident.

**Charged**  
Injured in another accident was driver of the vehicle, Larry Kenneth Berry, 27, Raeford. Police Chief James E. Lamont arrested Berry and charged him with failure to yield right of way.

Driver of the second car, Leroy Bue, Wakulla, was not hurt but a passenger Ernest Bue, 25, Wakulla, was injured in the accident which occurred at Dickson St. and Edinborough Ave. on Oct. 22, police say.

**No Injury**  
A two-car non-injury accident occurred Oct. 24 at Central and Stewart. Arrested and charged with failure to yield the right of way was driver of one car, Flora McKie Priest, Raeford. Damage to the left side of her car was estimated at \$200, police report.

The second car in the accident was Tommie Lee Williams, Raeford. He estimated the damage to his vehicle at \$100.

## Police Report City Breakins

Raeford police report a break-in at Little Giant Store, Harris Ave. on Oct. 24. Investigating officers William Harold Hooks and Ora Duks heard the burglar alarm at 4:30 a.m. but the store was empty when they arrived. They saw a 12 inch hole had been cut in the floor of the building but nothing was reported missing.

Two cars were broken into while they were in the Hoke High School parking lot. Randy Hunt, Aberdeen, reported a tape player, tapes and clothing were missing from his car. Wayne Willis, address unknown, said four tapes, a tape player and two speakers were taken from his vehicle.

James Plummer, Raeford, told police someone removed the drive shaft from his car while it was parked in the school lot.

Polls open Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. in Hoke County's 13 precincts for the general election.

J. Scott Poole, election board chairman, says the largest number of absentee ballots ever received have come in to the voting office. Based on this he predicts 75 percent of the registered voters will cast ballots in Hoke County.

Even with the heavy vote Poole stressed voters will not have to wait in long lines to cast their ballots. He points out all 13 precincts are small with the largest carrying fewer than 1,000 registered voters on its rolls.

**Precincts Listed**  
The 13 precincts and polling places in the County are: Allendale Precinct, Allendale Community House; Antioch Precinct, Antioch Community House; Blue Springs Precinct, South Hoke School.

Buchan Precinct, Odums Store; McCain Precinct, Shiloh Community House; Pappy Creek Precinct, Wayside Community House; and

Raeford Precincts, One, Hoke County Courthouse; Two, County Office Building; Three, Hillcrest Fire Station; Four, Hoke Civic Center; and Five, Upchurch School; and

Rockfish Precinct, Rockfish Community House; and Stonewall Precinct, Stonewall Community House.

**All Absentees**  
The chairman says with one exception it is too late to request absentee ballots. Covered by the exception are registered voters who have become ill since Nov. 1.

They may go to the W.L. Poole Agency, 126 N. Main, Raeford, before 10 a.m. on Monday to apply for an absentee ballot covering the full election.

**Six Ballots**  
Hoke County voters will be faced with six ballots on Tuesday. They are for President, senators and congressional state officers; state senator, representatives and county officers; judge of Superior Court 21st Judicial District; and constitutional amendments. Sample ballots are shown elsewhere in today's News-Journal.

**Top Offices**  
The official Presidential ballot lists Democrats George S. McGovern for President and Sargent Shriver for vice president; Republicans Richard M. Nixon for President and Spiro T. Agnew for vice president; and American Party candidates John G. Schmitz for President and Thomas J. Anderson for vice president.

The U.S. Senate race is between Democrat Nick Galifianakis and Republican Jesse Helms. Three candidates are seeking the seventh Congressional District seat. They are Charles Rose, Democrat; Jerry C. Scott, Republican; and Alvis Ballard, American candidate.

**State Offices**  
Three candidates are vying for the two top slots on the state ballot. The governor's race is being fought by Democrat Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles Jr., Republican James I. Holshouser Jr., and American Arlis I. Pettyjohn.

Candidates for the lieutenant governorship are Democrat James B. (Jim) Hunt Jr., Republican John A. (Johnny) Walker, and American Benjamin G. (Ben) McLendon.

The only other three-way race on the state ballot is for insurance commissioner with Democrat John Ingram facing Republican L.W. (Bud) Douglass and American Michael Murphy.

**Two-Way Contests**  
Two-way state contests to be decided by the voters are secretary of state, Democrat Thad Eure and Republican Grace Jensen Rohrer, state treasurer, Democrat Edwin Gill and Republican C. (Ted) Conrad, and

State auditor, Democrat Henry L. Bridges and Republican L. Norman Shroane; attorney general, Democrat Robert Morgan and Republican Nicholas A. (Nick) Smith, and

Agriculture commissioner, Democrat James A. (Jim) Graham and Republican Kenneth H. Roberson, labor commissioner, Democrat W.C. (Billy) Creel and Republican Frederick R. Weber, superintendent of public instruction, Democrat Craig Phillips and Republican Carl Eagle.

In six of the state Superior Court Judge races Democrats are running unopposed. Russell J. Lanier for Fourth Judicial District; Perry Martin for Sixth Judicial District, and

James H. Pou Bailey for Tenth Judicial District; Harvey A. Lupton, 21st Judicial District; B.T. Falls Jr. for 27th Judicial District; and Lucy H. Thornburg, 30th Judicial District.

In the special election for Superior Court Judge, 21st Judicial District, (See ELECTION, Page 15)



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - Mrs. Robert G. Townsend, Raeford Women's Club president, left, accepts the "Gene Earl Award" in Hamlet last week from Dora Maness, district president, right, while Elaine Oldenwald, president of North Carolina Federation of Women's Club, center, looks on.

# REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY