

Democratic Bastion Crumbles As First Republican Presidential Conquers Hoke

Around Town

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Governor 1st Republican In 70 Years

Hoke County voters followed the national trend in Tuesday's general election with a light turnout and much ticket splitting. Barely more than 3,300 county residents cast their ballots this year as compared with better than 4,500 who voted in the 1968 presidential contest. The majority of Hoke Counties marked the Republican column in the presidential race but were straight down the line Democratic voters for all other offices.

Holshouser Wins

In the governor's race Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles carried Hoke County but by unofficial count lost the state to Republican James E. Holshouser Jr. in a see-saw race. During one eight minute period early Wednesday morning with 784 precincts reporting, the lead in this contest changed three times.

This makes Holshouser the first Republican governor of North Carolina in 70 years. But the split ticket voting gives Holshouser a Democratic lieutenant governor, Jim Hunt. Hunt carried Hoke County and the state to whip Republican Johnny Walker.

Democrats Win

In all other races for council of state and judgeships the Democratic candidates were leading and apparently elected Wednesday morning.

All five amendments to the state constitution which appeared on ballots Tuesday were passed.

On the local ballot all Democratic candidates for state senator, representatives and county offices were elected without opposition.

Wanted

Hoke County Library wants their books that have been overdue for a long time.

No fines will be charged, instead a silver dollar will be given to the person returning the largest number of overdue books. A silver dollar will also be given to the person returning the longest overdue books.

Moving

The North Carolina State Revenue (sales tax) office which recently moved to West Donaldson St. has moved back into its old location in the basement of the courthouse.

The office is open on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Drug Workshop

The Raeford Women's Club's Education Department is sponsoring a drug workshop at the Civic Center on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m.

Two SBI narcotics agents will conduct an informal talk session on characteristics of various drugs and drug users. Drugs will be on display and a question and answer session will conclude the workshop.

The workshop is open to all parents and teachers.

Officers

Officers elected were Anthony McGregor, Hoke, president; Deborah Wilson, Hoke, vice president; Denise Phillips, West Columbus, secretary; Angela Leach, Douglas Byrd, treasurer; and Terry Rowland, Hoke, reporter.

Outgoing officers are Eddie Bartlett, Pine Forest, president; Nancy Fairchild, Reid Ross, secretary; Margaret Rogers, Hoke, reporter; and Anthony McGregor, Hoke, treasurer. Approximately 200 students and 15 faculty advisors attended the meeting.

Dinner was served in the Gibson cafeteria after the election. The Hoke High Choral under the direction of Mrs. Neill McNeill performed and a dance was held in the evening at the Gibson gym.

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James Holshouser



Jesse Helms



Richard Nixon

Superior Court, Grand Jury Meet Next Week

The jury list and calendar for the last regular criminal Superior Court session of the year have been announced.

Presiding over the one-week session which begins Nov. 13 will be the Honorable Coy E. Brewer. Twelfth Solicitorial District Solicitor Jack A. Thompson will be assisted by Edward W. Grannis Jr., Edwin Lynn Johnson, Philip Cheatwood, James Little and David Fox Jr.

Grand Jury

The Hoke county Grand Jury is scheduled to examine 10 Bills of Indictment in a one-day session Nov. 13. Cases to be presented to the Grand Jury are: Mavis Sturdivant alias Dick Sturdivant, and Marilyn Locklear alias Hitler Locklear, both charged with rape; and

Johnny Jones charged with receiving stolen goods, breaking and entering; Andrew J. Willis charged with assault with a deadly weapon; James Earl Monroe charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; and

Raymond King alias Raymond King Melvin charged with forgery and uttering and passing forged check; and Johnny Woods charged with forgery. Cases in which the Grand Jury returns a true bill will be scheduled in the same week's criminal Superior Court session.

Additional cases scheduled to be heard in the criminal session include rape, kidnapping, and felonious breaking and entering charges against Junior Lee Washington; murder charges against Sarah Marie Bullard alias Zelmas Bullard; and

Johnny Scott charged with cruelty to animals; Roy Lee Monroe Jr., charged with assault with a deadly weapon and malicious damage to personal property; Lucille Helms charged with assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a gun; and

Willard M. Lewis charged with assault with a deadly weapon by pointing a gun; Joe Louis Moore charged with DUI; Daniel Heath charged with displaying beer in a public place; James Earl Collins

charged with assault with a deadly weapon; and

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The American party candidates John G. Schmitz and Thomas J. Anderson were far down the line with 32 votes.

Sweeps South And Nation

Nixon swept the nation including the Democratic south Tuesday for the first Republican presidential victory in all 16 southern states. The southern block delivered, by unofficial popular vote count, 175 electoral votes to help keep Nixon in the White House four more years.

By early Wednesday morning it appeared Nixon would carry 49 states for 521 electoral votes with at least 61 percent of the popular vote.

Sen. George McGovern won the vote in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C., for only 17 electoral votes. The Democratic candidate lost his home state, South Dakota.

Minority Presidential candidates were unofficially credited with 994,000 votes for John G. Schmitz, American party, and 66,000 votes for Dr. Benjamin Spock.

Early returns Tuesday gave Nixon a big lead and the gap continued to widen throughout the evening. Carl Goerch, N. C. radio commentator and news columnist, said after watching these early returns we could be headed for the biggest Presidential landslide since the Roosevelt-Landon contest in 1936. Others assessed the situation as the most lopsided race of the century or even of American history.

Early Concession

In perhaps the earliest concession speech in American history, McGovern spoke to his loyal supporters in the Sioux Falls, S. D., Coliseum, at 11:35 p.m.

He told a roaring crowd estimated at between three and four thousand people that he had sent a congratulatory telegram to President Nixon. The defeated candidate urged his followers to play the role of the loyal opposition.

Throughout the country fewer than 80 million voters went to the polls which is considered a light vote. The small voter turnout was accompanied by much ticket splitting.

With incomplete returns in, it seems certain the Democrats have retained control of Congress, although Republicans picked up seats in both the House and the Senate.

In North Carolina, in a close race, Republican Jesse Helms, a Raleigh broadcaster, beat three-term Congressman Nick Galifianakis, for the U. S. Senate and Democrat Charles Rose swamped Republican Jerry C. Scott for Congress. Unofficial returns give Rose 59 percent and Scott 41 percent of the popular vote.

In Hoke County voting Galifianakis led Helms by fewer than 400 votes and Rose overwhelmed Scott by better than two to one.

UF Tops \$3000

Last Monday total contributions turned in to the 1973 Hoke County United Fund drive were \$3,030.75. The drive which began Oct. 9 has a goal of \$19,636, said Younger Sneed Jr., campaign manager.

Hoke County Schools turned in \$1,448. This amount includes Lpchurch School, \$391, West Hoke, \$157, J.W. McLaughlin, \$120, South Hoke, \$255.50, Scurlock, \$199, Board of Education Office, \$122 and Raeford Elementary School, \$204. These funds were from faculty and employees only. No student solicitation is planned.

Other contributions included in the total are Lpchurch Milling & Storage Co., \$267 and individual contributions of \$186. Also a partial collection at Burlington Worsted Plant of \$1,129.75.

Drive Continues

The drive is continuing in all areas of the city and county with chairmen and campaign workers soliciting funds from residents at their place of employment.

The United Fund Campaign is run once a year to benefit numerous organizations including Red Cross, Scouts, Hoke County Rescue Squad, Carolina United Community Services, Recreation Program, Needy Children's Fund, and Senior Citizens Fund.

National agencies to be supported by the drive include American Social Health Assn., International Social Service, WAIL, National Assembly for Social Policy and Development, National Assn. of Hearing and Speech Agencies, National Recreation and Park Assn., and United Service Organization.

Teacher Of Year Speaks At Library Convention

James Marshall Rogers Jr., 1972 National Teacher of the Year, was guest speaker at the convention of the Southeastern District of the N.C. High School Library Association held at Hoke High School on Monday.

Rogers, who had been teaching only two years when he won national honors, reviewed the events leading to his decision to teach.

He said he has learned, "If you never try, you won't fail but you won't accomplish anything either." The students gave Rogers a standing ovation. He closed his talk with a solo rendition of The House of Rising Sun.

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Alarm Test

Crawford Thomas, Raeford fire chief announced the testing of the city fire alarm today between 10 and 10:30 a.m.