

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The following letter was handed to me last week and asked to be put in this column.

Dear Sam:

May I express through your column the heartfelt thanks to members of our town and county for their strong support of the Hoke County Forum.

The attendance was not in the thousands as in our wildest dreams we had hoped, however, for a community our size the attendance was better than any other forum presented in the state.

The real value from these meetings will come from the seeds sown in the minds of the individuals that will come to be leaders and elected officials that handle the problems in the seventies.

To all the committees of the Hoke County Forum, may I once again say thank you.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. R. G. Townsend
President Raeford
Woman's Club

The basketball game between the Raeford Kiwanis Club and the Raeford Lions Club was well attended last Thursday night. The Kiwanis team edged out the Lions, but the outcome was in doubt until the final whistle.

From all reports, no one was bruised to the extent they could not work the next day. It did seem that the Rev. Jack Mansfield liked playing the game on all fours, rather than standing like the other players.

I haven't heard exactly how much the game raised for the students going abroad, but I know the club members enjoyed doing this for the students and also they appreciated the support of the people of Hoke County

Everyone likes to see people get promoted and the only way that others can move up is through the process of promotion.

But sometimes a man's good fortune is a city and county loss. I am speaking of the transfer of Graham Pope of Burlington Industries. He has been a leader, not only for his plant, but for the city, county, civic clubs and his church. Graham will be missed in many ways by the people of this county, and this kind of man is hard to replace. I know that everyone in the county hopes the best for Graham Pope and his family in their new position, Hoke's loss and Tennessee's gain.

Also, congratulations are in store for John Biddix and the others at Burlington who have moved up. I know that they will carry on in the same fine tradition as others that have been at the plant and moved on to greener pastures. Good luck.

I understand Bill Bailey still has the question mark on his weather calendar concerning the hail Saturday a week ago. He told someone that seeing was believing. OK, Bill.

Horse Show Saturday

The Raeford Woman's Club's tenth annual horse show will be Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at Bobo Stables on U.S. 401 Bypass. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

The featured attraction will be a showing of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) including a \$42,000 horse from C.P.M. Stables in Warsaw. Others registered to show are Dr. Joel Hedgecoe of Fayetteville, and Carla Wenneberg, Lumberton, winner of the 4-H national finals in horsemanship. Exhibitors are expected from as far away as Maryland.

The show will be governed by (AQHA) rules as shown in the 1974 official rule book. Only AQHA rules will prevail in quarter horse classes. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in all classes along with grand champion and reserve champion trophies.

Show officials include: Harold Brite, judge, Evans, Ga.; C.W. "Sonny" Minges, Fayetteville, announcer; Bill Spangler, Fayetteville, ring master; Dr. Knox Lewis, Red Springs, veterinarian; Mrs. Georgia B. Minges, Fayetteville, secretary; and Clarence English, Raeford, farrier.

This year's horse show ribbon girls will be Jennie Monroe, Robin Maxwell, Sheila Black, Diane Inman, Margaret Postel, Martha Ann Wood, Charlotta King, Jodi Upchurch, Suzanne Jordan, Susan Bounds, and Mary Nell Johnson.

The first 32 classes of competition are among entries restricted to AQHA registered quarter horses. They include:

Man Waives Extradition

A Hoke County man was served with a fugitive warrant in the Hoke County jail this week and waived extradition to Alabama where he is wanted on murder charges in connection with the stabbing death of a Mobile, Ala. drivers education instructor.

Glenn Franklin West signed the extradition papers this week. He was arrested April 1 in the A&P Store in Raeford by Sheriff D.M. Barrington and Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Riley and was held on probation violation charges until the Alabama warrants arrived.

Two other men, allegedly charged in the same case, are being held elsewhere following their arrest in Virginia also April 1. Bobby Lee Edwards, Green Street, and James Robert West Jr., formerly of Raeford, were picked up by Virginia authorities near Richmond, Va.

At Elizabethtown, Tenn., authorities said the dead man was identified, after being found in a trash dump, as Billy G. Dannelley, 39, of Mobile, Ala.

He was reported missing after he failed to show up for classes at Foley High School in Mobile March 27. Reports indicate Dannelley's body had 15 face and body stab wounds.

Barrington reports Glenn West will probably be moved to Alabama on Monday.

Special Easter Services Set

Two area special Easter services have been announced.

The Raeford Ministerial Association will hold an Easter sunrise service 7 a.m. Sunday at the Highland Biblical Gardens.

The Rev. William Ginn, Raeford Evangelical Methodist Church pastor, will deliver the resurrection message. The Rev. Lewis P. Jolly of the Second Baptist Church will lead a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Charles Hottel, First Baptist Church, will express in song the joy of Easter.

The Rev. Herman Winberry, Raeford United Methodist Church pastor and Association president, invites "All persons in Raeford and the Hoke County community to join in this service of celebrating the greatest day in the life of the world."

In case of rain the service will be held in the Raeford United Methodist Church sanctuary. The Rev. Winberry says, "We thank Highland Biblical Gardens for inviting us to have our service on their grounds."

SHILOH

The Rev. George R. Cheney Jr., has announced there will be an Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. Sunday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church. A church breakfast will follow.

Man Burned

Cape Fear Valley Hospital personnel reported a Hoke County man who suffered burns last Friday was in fair condition Wednesday morning.

Leo Shulenburg who lives at Wright's Lake was reportedly burning trash near the lake Friday when a gasoline can exploded. Unofficial reports indicate he received first, second and third degree burns over 30 percent of his body.



Jama Chesser Photo

Happy Easter

From The News-Journal Staff

Airport Problems Aired

The Raeford airport committee, formerly the airport commission, met Tuesday afternoon with Mayor John K. McNeill Jr., and the City Manager John Gaddy to "discuss airport problems" according to Committee Chairman Tom Cameron.

Cameron said the city requested the committee look into finding a permanent site for Paul Rose's flight instruction operation at the airport.

Last week, city fathers agreed easement of airport property be granted Rose providing an agreement is reached between Rose and the city.

Discussion now seems to be on the feasibility of a site in size, relation to

previously leased airport land, and access to the runway. Gaddy was unavailable for comment on Tuesday's meeting at press time.

McNeill said problems at the airport were "growth problems. We did not foresee the airport growing so fast, and we are not prepared for it out there." He said the city is trying to find Rose a spot to operate from.

The mayor said he presented a draft copy of an ordinance regulating the airport to the committee as called for in the committee's February recommendation. McNeill said if adopted, the ordinance would help regulate future airport expansion.

Paul Rose said, "the land recommended by the FAA as most leaseable at the airport was fine with me." He said he was unsure of why it was not acceptable to everyone. He said property he would cross to get to the runway from the site was scheduled by the FAA for airport ramp expansion as far as he knew.

Gene Thacker, acting airport manager and owner of Raeford Aviation, said the trailer Rose is presently operating his business from is setting on property included in land Thacker has leased from the city. He said the location of his leased land would not change under the expansion program.

Rose has been operating from a temporary location granted him on a month to month basis by the city because of an FAA study showing the location as part of land to be used by the city for future airport expansion. At April's city council meeting, city fathers agreed to request FAA assistance in implementing the second phase of that expansion program.

Cameron said "We (the Committee) thought the problem was settled." The city council adopted a plan for future operation of the airport presented by the Airport Commission in February. Cameron said the committee is still unified in support of that plan.

"I would like to say," said Cameron, "that we feel the general operation of the airport is now in accord with Federal Aviation Authority regulations and safety regulations are being complied with to the best of our knowledge." Cameron said that was one good result of recent airport problems.

Three County Cases Involved

Mrs. Ruth Smith, Scotland County Memorial Hospital credit manager, reported Tuesday that only three Hoke County cases were included in the \$10,000 in current uncollected Medicaid stickers she reported to Scotland County commissioners March 26.

She said one of the Hoke patients received care in September 1973, another in October 1973 and the third

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Chason Resigns Elections Board

Twister Fund

Clyde Upchurch, Hoke County Red Cross chairman, announced this week that individuals wishing to contribute money to assist victims of the more than 100 recent tornadoes which left more than 100 dead and thousands injured from Alabama to the Canadian border, may do so.

Checks for this purpose should be made payable to the American Red Cross and marked for Tornado Disaster Fund. Upchurch reports every donation received with this designation will go directly to the disaster areas.

Donations should be mailed to Hoke County Red Cross, P. O. Box 10, Raeford.

During the past week the Board of Elections chairman resigned, a new executive secretary was hired, a fourth precinct registrar was sworn in, voter registration ended, office space was rented and a new member was appointed to the board to replace the resigning member.

In a March 28 letter to A.K. Brock, state director of elections, Hoke Elections Chairman Earl Chason tendered his resignation effective April 5. A copy of the letter reportedly was sent to Edith Nixon, Hoke Republican chairman.

In his letter Chason cited his job and part time business as two reasons "I don't believe that I can properly serve the people of Hoke County and do a good job for the state. I am a firm believer in the motto 'a job worth doing is worth doing right.'"

"I would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter so someone else can take over in time before the May 7 primary."

Monday Brock said he would appoint a replacement member to the local elections board as soon as he received a recommendation from the state Republican Executive Committee.

By Tuesday afternoon Tony Bratcher of the Republican Executive Committee office announced Harold Brock, Rt. 2 Box 383, had been designated the new member of the Hoke Board.

An organizational meeting of the three-member Hoke board is expected to be held this week and a new chairman elected. Other members of the board are Abner Lee Strother, Republican, secretary, and J. Scott Poole, Democratic member and former chairman.

At an April 3 meeting while Chason was still chairman the board selected Mrs. Rose Sturgeon of Ashley Heights as executive secretary. She is scheduled to keep the Board of Elections office open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In other action the board approved requesting county commissioners increase salaries for registrars from \$40 to \$65 for each primary and November election plus mileage, judges from \$30 to \$40 and pay assistants new positions this year, \$25.

The board also recommended the executive secretary's salary be increased from \$166 to \$250 a month in accordance with last year's budget.

The board also named precinct workers to replace those who declined to serve. Names were McCain - James Nixon, judge; Buchan - Larry Sides and John Henry Brown, judges, Raeford 1 - Miss Isabell McFadyen, declined, and Mrs. Grace Dixon Morgan; Raeford 2 - Ruth Scarborough, judge, accepted, and Clyde Knox; and Raeford 3 - Herbert Morris Crumpler. The registrar sworn in this week was Pinksten Simmons, registrar, Raeford 5.

Lester reported Tuesday that space at 107 W. Elwood Ave. had been rented to house the board of elections office for \$85 a month including utilities. He said tentative scheduled opening of the office is Monday.

County Asks For Changes

T. B. Lester, county manager, reports county commissioners returned plans for new county office building to the architect for requested changes which would combine some of the smaller offices into larger ones and would permit closing off Community Action Program and Veterans offices from rest of building.

Lester said commissioners also instructed architect to proceed with plans containing heating, air conditioning and plumbing specifications for the proposed structure.

The estimated \$485,000 to \$500,000 price tag would include paving, curbing and some landscaping, said the county manager.

County Gets Cost Figures

County commissioners conducted day-long budget hearings Monday from 9 a.m. until almost 5 p.m. Heads of the various county departments met with commissioners to submit budget requests to operate their departments during fiscal year 1974-75.

T.B. Lester, county manager, reports greatest dollar increase request was received from Sheriff D.M. Barrington. Their budget is up about \$41,000 said Lester.

He pointed out, "Most of this is in increased and additional salaries." The sheriff requested permission to expand his force by hiring three additional men; two road deputies and one jailer. Also

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Council Say Re-Advertise

The City Council instructed City Manager John Gaddy to re-advertise for bids on a city garage and office building. At Monday's special council meeting called to open bids on the building, no more than two bids were received on each advertisement. New bids will be

opened at 7:30 p.m. May 6 at City Hall.

The council also voted to accept a proposal by Bedo Corporation to furnish labor and materials for the renovation of Robbins Heights playground equipment.

Churches Install Pastor

Shiloh and Bethel Presbyterian Churches installed the Rev. George R. Cheney Jr. as pastor Sunday in special services.

The Rev. Charles E. Kirkpatrick, pastor of MacPherson Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, served as chairman of the Commission of Fayetteville Presbytery and presided at the service.

The Rev. Mr. Cheney comes to Hoke County from Fayetteville where he has served since 1967 as assistant pastor for administration at the Highland Presbyterian Church.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, he received his A.B. degree in 1937. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School and received his MBA degree in 1941. He studied three years at Union Seminary, Richmond, Va., from 1956-59.

The Rev. Mr. Cheney served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1945 and instructor of the Veteran's Farm Training program 1946 to 1953. He was church administrator for the First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, Fla. until 1956. He has served as pastor of



Rev. George R. Cheney, Jr., Presbyterian churches in Ashland, Va., and West End, N.C.

The Rev. Mr. Cheney resides at 203 Wright Street with his wife, the former Laura Graham Wilkinson of Laurinburg.