

## Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The turnout for the primary last Tuesday was disappointing to this writer. About 30% of the registered voters in the county took time to express their choice at the ballot box. I guess most of us have come to live with high taxes and letting the government be run any way the ones in office want to do it. We had rather stand around and accuse our public officials of "Watergate" and then do nothing about it.

A second primary is coming up June 4 and all the candidates are capable for the job, but it is the people's right to put into office the candidates they feel will best serve this county. So look over the candidates and examine their records, not only from political work, but also the record of their association with their fellowman, and then vote for the ones that are best suited for the office.

If you don't vote, keep silent about the affairs of the county.

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A meeting will be held at the Raeford Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, June 13 at 8:00 p.m. to form an organization known as the Hoke County Historical Association. This is an open meeting and any citizen of Hoke County can attend.

The speaker for the evening will be H. Clifton Blue, publisher of the Sandhills Citizens of Aberdeen. Cliff is a past president of the Moore County Historical Association and should have some well chosen words to help this county get organized. He is also a native of Hoke County, being born in Little River Township, now a part of Moore County.

So mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

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Bill Lentz, who was a star golfer at Hoke County High School and at Sandhills Community College, has changed jobs. Bill has become assistant professional at the Green Valley Country Club in Fayetteville. His first job was assistant at the Pine Needles Club in Southern Pines.

Since turning pro Bill has competed in four tournaments. He got his first win the first weekend in May at the Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro. He had a round of 69. Of the four tournaments he has been in Bill has come in one, two, three and four.

Keep going Bill, and we will look for your name on the big tour one of these days.

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I haven't seen Bill Bailey since the big rain over the weekend so I am unable to give any report to the readers. But I understand that Bill has been getting lip-service from Farmer Dick Neely of the Wayside Community. It seems that Neely will go along with Bill's weather reporting, but he says that Bailey doesn't know anything about farming. I will have to get Bill's answer.

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Dear Mr. Morris,  
The Raeford Woman's Club would like to thank you and your staff for the splendid coverage in your paper of our 50th Anniversary celebration.

In publishing our column "Fifty Years With the RWC" the people of Hoke County were informed of the many projects initiated and still being sponsored by the RWC.

We especially appreciated having one of your capable reporters cover our Anniversary Banquet.

The program you printed for us were highly complimentary of your outstanding work.

We wish you continued success in the publishing of an outstanding newspaper.

Yours truly,  
Betty C. Knox  
Secretary, RWC

## Bike Inspection Clinic Set

The first of four bicycle inspection and registration clinics will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at City Hall, N. Main Street. Bicycle owners living inside Raeford city limits should bring their bicycles for registration with the Police Department. County residents may bring bicycles to later clinics tentatively scheduled for the next four Saturdays. Times for the clinics will vary. Notices will be posted according to Brenda Abrams, 4-H office spokesman for the clinic.

Bicycles will be inspected for handle bar grips, red rear reflector, a night warning device needed only if riding at night, chain sprocket guard, brakes,

# Hoke Voters Face Second Primary

## Who Votes In Runoff?

"All Hoke County citizens who registered as voters before April 9 may vote in the June 4 runoff even if they did not vote in the May 7 primary election," reports Rose Sturgeon, Hoke County elections board executive secretary.

The June 4 second primary ballot will include runoffs to select two Democratic nominees for the county board of commissioners and one Democratic nominee for a district court seat for (Hoke-Cumberland) 12th Judicial District (see related story).

Residents who are not registered may register to vote in the November general election after the June 4 second primary. The elections office on West Elwood Avenue is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The board of elections met this week and voted to change meeting time from 10 a.m. to noon. They meet each Monday and Friday if there is any business to be brought before the board.

## Leaf Plan Dates Given

Flue-cured tobacco growers will be permitted to designate the warehouses where they wish to sell their 1974 crop during the four-week period beginning May 20 and ending June 14.

These dates were announced May 9 at a state-wide meeting of county office personnel of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

Thomas R. Burgess, ASCS county executive director, said the informational meeting was held in anticipation of the grower designation plan final approval by U.S. Agricultural officials in Washington.

Under a proposal published April 10 in the Federal Register, each grower making a designation would be limited to warehouses within 80 miles of his county seat. Plans now call for a

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## Kindergartens Double

Hoke County schools will house six state supported kindergartens during the 1974-75 school year, twice as many as this year according to Raz Autry, Hoke County school superintendent.

Autry said the three new classes for five-year-olds will enable county schools to serve approximately 70 percent or a total of 138 eligible students through the state funded kindergartens, and will allow 85 percent of all eligible students to go to kindergarten either in state funded classes or classes funded by the ESEA program.

Two new kindergarten classes will be organized at McLaughlin School and one at Scurlock School, according to Autry. Of the six classes scheduled for the coming school year, one will be at West Hoke School, three at McLaughlin School, and two at Scurlock School.

Of the more than \$26 million appropriated by the 1974 General Assembly to increase the state-supported kindergarten program next year, Hoke County Schools will receive \$114,930. State School Superintendent Craig Phillips announced recently. Each school unit's allocation was figured on its 1973-74 first grade enrollment, based on the highest average daily membership for three out of the first four months of the school year, said Phillips.

In approving the allocations, the State Board of Education earmarked \$243,600 for inservice training for kindergarten personnel and \$90,480 for

pedals and crank, saddle, tires, frame and wheels. Bicycles not passing inspection may return for inspection at a later clinic. Those bicycles passing the inspection will be officially registered with the police department and receive numbered permanent registration stickers. The registration number will be engraved onto the bicycle frame in a second location for easy identification. Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said he hoped the registration program will help end bicycle thefts in the county. He urged bicycle owners to know their bicycle serial numbers when arriving for

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CHARLES LEE GUY



SYLVIA X. ALLEN



MRS. KERMIT (MABEL) RILEY



DANNIE D. McCOLLUM



JOHN G. BALFOUR



RALPH W. BARNHART

## Board Allocates Revenue Money

In a special meeting Monday night county commissioners allocated \$245,000 in revenue sharing funds to be included in the proposed 1974-75 revenue sharing budget. This action was taken to permit County Manager T.B. Lester to file a planned use report with the federal government by June 28 as required by law.

The allocations tentatively approved are \$200,000 for the new county library building and \$45,000 for public safety.

The later includes \$5,000 for the Hoke County Rescue Squad and \$40,000 for rural fire departments.

Lester pointed out that these approved allocations for the revenue sharing planned use report are not binding and may be changed by a resolution of the board of county commissioners.

No official action was taken to designate which fire departments would receive the funds nor how much each department would get. During a discussion of the fire department money Commissioner Ralph Barnhart suggested the Hoke County Fireman's Association be asked to draw up a committee to advise the county commissioners on needs of the various departments and suggested distribution of funds. No action was taken on this suggestion.

County government is expected to

receive \$310,302 in revenue sharing funds during the 1974-75, fiscal year with first quarterly check due in the fall. Total revenue sharing funds to be received since the program began and through close of fiscal year 1974-75 plus interest accrued through June 5, 1974 are estimated at \$998,949.

The proposed budget action was not completed at the meeting because commissioners decided to wait for expected results from a recreation survey before acting on the remainder of the proposed budget.

In other action commissioners accepted a revised contract with Stonewall Fire Department subject to FHA approval, and approved application permitting participation in a Lumber River Criminal Justice program which would provide seven legal

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## Hoke Girls Are State Champions

By Jama Chesser

Bill Colston has been with Hoke County Schools five years. Four of those years he has coached the girls track team. For three years, the Hoke High Girls Track team has been state champions. They took their third straight North Carolina Girls high school track and field championship at High Point May 10, scoring 41 points, 16 more than second place New Bern.

Coach Colston admits that the girls on the team are exceptionally talented. The girls credit their row of wins to following the coach's advice, a few of their own tricks, hard work and determination.

Of the nine state records set at the state meet, four belong to Colston's state champions. Kathy McMillian won the long jump with a jump of 18 feet 5 inches, a new record. She was first in the 220-yard dash turning in a time of 25.6 seconds, one-half second faster than the old record. And, she ran the lead leg on the 880-yard relay team which placed first with a time of 1 minute 45.1 seconds, a new record by 3.2 seconds.

McMillian was the only athlete at the meet to place first in more than one event. She also racked up a second place win in the 100-yard dash.

The fourth Hoke County state record came in the mile relay with Angela McPhatter, Geraldine Murray, Florence Malloy and Barbara Lide setting a new record of 4 minutes, 11.8 seconds, biting 8.3 seconds off the old record.

Murray, Shelia McNeill, Tonya Jackson and Barbara Jones placed fifth in the 440-yard relay.

Lide who ran with McMillian, Debbie Little and Madelyn Miller on the record-setting 880-yard relay team, placed second in the 440-yard dash.

Little, a former state high jump and 100-yard dash champion, finished third

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HAPPINESS IS-- All the ribbons Kathy McMillian has won in track and field events throughout her high school track career. The handful of ribbons traveled in her pocket to school Monday when the girl's track team was honored for winning the state championship for the third straight year. McMillian set state records in the long jump, the 220-yard dash, and was a member of the record-setting 880-yard relay team. (Chesser Photo)

Two incumbent county commissioners called late Monday morning for a runoff election to select two Democratic nominees to run in the November election for seats on the board of county commissioners. A 12th judicial district (Hoke-Cumberland) judgeship will also appear on the second primary ballot for Hoke County voters.

Calling for the runoffs were commissioners John G. Balfour and Ralph W. Barnhart. The district court runoff was called for by Sylvia X. Allen.

The June 4 second primary will find Mrs. Kermit (Mabel) Riley, Dannie Deloris McCollum, Balfour and Barnhart vying for Democratic nomination for two seats on the board of county commissioners.

In the first primary May 7, with three seats to be filled, James Albert Hunt swept the field of ten candidates with 1,422 votes which assured him a spot on the November general election ballot. Mrs. Riley placed second with 785, McCollum third with 713, Balfour fourth with 710 and Barnhart fifth with 620.

Since neither Mrs. Riley nor McCollum drew more than the 1,028 votes needed for a majority, Balfour and Barnhart the next two highest candidates, held the privilege of calling for a second primary.

In the district court race Mrs. Allen called for the runoff Friday after official tallies indicated front runner Charles Lee Guy did not draw a majority vote among the four candidates vying for the judgeship nomination. Mrs. Allen polled 8,100 votes in the district and Guy received 8,762.

In calling for the runoff, Balfour, who is seeking his third-four-year term, said, "Because of my genuine concern for Hoke County and my sincere interest in all the citizens of Hoke County, I am requesting a runoff primary."

"The response of citizens who have contacted me, the close margin of votes between candidates, and the very small turn out of registered voters convinced me that I should call for a second primary."

"My policy has always been and will continue to be to discuss any subject with any citizen at anytime."

"I think all citizens should be concerned and informed on the affairs of their local government. When there is a doubt in any citizen's mind about some issues I welcome their comments, questions and opinions," concluded the Hoke County farmer.

Tuesday Mrs. Riley said, "I'm still in there campaigning. If the people of Hoke County still want me I am available and willing to serve."

The Hoke High School graduate and auto mechanic added, "We need closer communication and cooperation between the citizens and local government. In addition, I want no discrimination based on sex or race in hiring and pay policies for county employees."

Mrs. Riley, who won endorsement of Hoke County Fireman's Association in the May 7 primary, continued, "I do not favor rising taxes because increased new construction and land development should offset increased operating expenses."

This is Mrs. Riley's second start for a position on the county's governing

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## Regular Leaf Pickup Halts

City Manager John Gaddy has reported that regular continuous road side pickup of leaves, limbs and lawn clippings has been halted in an attempt to save fuel and more advantageously use manpower. Gaddy said anyone with roadside trash to be picked up may call city hall and a truck will be sent.

## C Of C Meets

The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday with Bob Gentry presiding.

New directors, Gene Carter, Benny McLeod, and Dick Lovett were welcomed to the board.

The annual dinner was discussed. Suggestions were made concerning future events.

Discussion was held on items to be emphasized for the new chamber year, beginning June 1. Board members agreed to investigate program areas. Definite action will be taken at a later date.

It was reported that a letter along with a statement will be mailed to all present chamber members and prospective members in June.