RUNOFF CANDIDATE CAMPAIGNS – Charles Lee Guy, left, campaigned in Hoke County last week in an effort to win votes for the June 4 second primary election. Guy who polled 8,762 votes in May 7 primary for Democratic nomination for new district court judgeship 12th Judicial District (Hoke-Cumberland) faces Sylvia X. Allen in the second primary. Mrs. Allen drew 8,100 votes in carlier primary and called for the runoff election. (N-J Photo)

, City Awards 4 Contracts

The city council met in special session May 16 to act on bids opened at the May regular monthly meeting. The council was unable to act on the bids at that time because a quorum was not Present.
The council awarded a contract for

curbing and guttering to Crowell Constructors of Lumberton, the low bidders with \$67,387. Others bidding on the job were Bollinger Contractors, Lumberton, \$70,743; and Lee Paving, Sanford, \$87,996.

Raeford Plumbing and Heating was awarded a heating and air conditioning contract for the new city garage building on a low bid of \$3,088. Also submitting a bid was Edens Electric, Raeford, \$3,095.

Raeford Plumbing and Heating was awarded the contract for plumbing the building. The firm submitted the only bid, \$1,855. Edens Electric was awarded the

electrical contract for the building on a low bid of \$2,150. Also submitting a bid was Raeford Electric Motor Service, \$4,150.

All bids submitted on the actual building were rejected by the council due to "inaccuracy and inadequate information received from the bidders

on recommendation from Koonce, Noble & Associates (Lumberton architecture firm)" according to City Manager John Gaddy.

The city fathers authorized Police Chief Leonard Wiggins to apply for a Law Enforcement Association Assistance grant of \$47.88, to be used for purchasing law enforcement manuals. The City must provide \$12.12 of the cost. Deadline for the grant application is June 3.

Gaddy presented the council copies of budget requests from city department heads for study and consideration.

In final action, the council recinded an earlier re-allocation of \$40,000 in revenue sharing funds. The funds had been originally budgeted for the renovation of City Hall, but priorities were re-evaluated and the money re-allocated to curbing and guttering city streets. The council re-allocated \$34,377 of the \$40,000 to curbing and guttering and transferred \$5,000 in revenue sharing funds from garbage disposal to curbing and guttering. Gaddy explained part of the original \$40,000 put into curbing and guttering had already been earmarked for land purchase for a city garage site.

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firm contracted for the proposed new library building, and \$80 on June 1, 1973 to Charles, Morrison, Grier Associates, Inc. of Charlotte for an interview. Neither expenditure was included in the library spending plant included in the library spending plan

received by the city.

Mrs. Edwards said she had worked with revenue sharing money before, and was under the impression it was to be spent when it was received. She said, however, that she doubted the entire amount would be spent according to the plan, but she didn't want the library to lose the money because of a time limit on spending.

Referring to Department of Cultural Resources pamphlet from the Division of State Library, Raleigh, Mrs. Edwards

cited a requirement that projects using federal funds must include all necessary initial equipment for operation of the building for public library services. She added, "No matter what we buy now, it will be for the new library."

She said a "minimum amount (of the funds) was to be used to secure supplies and basic equipment including a desk. chairs, typewriter and card catalog necessary for operation" she added that purchase of the items now would prove to be a savings two years from now

New equipment at the library includes one desk and chair, a stool and a typewriter table. One typewriter is reportedly on order. Gaddy said invoices on the items have not been



BY JIM DEAN

Some years back when the first an accidentally trod on the still hot coals mattresses hit the market, I knew I had of the fire. to have one. Never again, I thought, would I have to sleep with nothing between me and the ground but a

blanket and an oilskin tablecloth.

I tried very hard to like air mattresses. Over the next half dozen years, I owned three of the beasts. They varied in color and design, but they had

one thing in common. They all leaked. It never failed. I would blow up my air mattress and fall asleep like an angel on a cloud. Sometime during the middle of the night, I would wake up feeling as though I had been speared on the tip of Pike's Peak.

Once, four of us camped on a beach in Delaware. Periodically, our restless slumber was punctuated by muffled obscenities and desperate puffing as we tried to re - inflate our bunks for another 30 minutes of decreasing comfort. By morning, we were all quite

literally exhausted.

It was about this time that a friend told me a particularly gruesome horror story involving air mattresses. It seems that he and another fellow had taken their families camping in a large tent. All had air mattresses. During the night. my friend decided that his mattress was

a trifle hard because he had pumped it too full of air. He reached down and loosened the cap to let out a little. The escaping air made a slight hiss. followed by a terrified shriek.

"There's a snake in the tent," screamed somebody, whereupon there was an immediate and violent exodus accompanied by the sound of ripping canvas. Most everybody went out under the sides of the tent, but my friend's wife ran through the zippered screen door which slowed her up until she

my air mattresses to death and swore never to own another. Instead, I began using foam rubber pads about four inches thick. They're comfortable and trustworthy, though rather bulky.

For nearly 10 years, I avoided air mattresses like the plague, but last week I was planning a family camping trip when it suddenly occurred to me that there was no way to get everything we needed into the car since I no longer

had access to a trailer. The foam pads were the problem. Four of them would practically fill the back of my station wagon. On the other hand, I thought, four air mattresses would fit nicely, and surely science had improved these things since my youth. Anything would be better than carrying a carload of foam rubber.

Alas, I had temporarily forgotten my oath. Also, I had forgotten the sage advice that "men who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

I bought four air mattresses and a bicycle pump to help blow them up. We left for the mountains and four hours later, we were on the banks of a fine trout stream.

Everything went nicely until it was time to blow up the mattresses. Suddenly, the air pump broke. That left us no choice. We would have to blow up the mattresses with our breath like ballons. I finally got mine inflated after 45 minutes of wheezing and went to sleep hopeful that the worst was over. In the middle of the night, I had that

old familiar sinking feeling. Also I could hear a faint hiss in the darkness. Not only was my air mattress leaking, it had

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