

## Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The general election is only three weeks away and the candidates are making themselves known more and more as the big day draws near.

As it looks at the present time the schools seem to be drawing top seeding in Hoke County. There are eight running for the five seats on the school board and these candidates seem to be out and among the voters.

Then comes the school bond vote and this is on the minds of most of the people of the county. These two issues should cause a larger vote than usual on an off-year election.

There are many more races that will heat up before the election day and if you will look at a sample ballot of the number of candidates you can expect to spend a few minutes at the polls unless you vote the straight ballot.

Of course this will be my choice.

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The Watergate cover-up trials are underway and I hope when this is over that the end of this event will be with us. I know that justice must take its course, but much time and energy have been spent on this mess that maybe could have been given to help solve the problems of this county.

I will predict that as time goes on that it will be harder to get a man to run for state or national office because he or she must search their souls and be sure nothing a little shady is in the closet.

This could be for the betterment of our nation as far as elections goes.

Time will tell.

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All Federal offices were closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day. I heard that a man said he thought Columbus discovered America October 12th. His buddy replied, "you don't think he would work on Saturday or Sunday!"

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The Hoke High Bucks are still winning and played a fine game against Laurinburg last Friday night at the Scots home field.

The next two games will either make or break the Bucks as far as a conference championship is concerned. They play Pinecrest Friday night at Southern Pines and meet Clinton at Hoke Stadium the following week. Pinecrest beat Clinton last week and this put the Bucks just one-half game off the pace.

So make plans now to follow the Bucks to Pinecrest and then be doubly sure to be at the Clinton game. Be a Booster.

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Dear Sam:  
I am trying to get in touch with any veterans of World War I. If you are a veteran of World War I and served in 30th Division, 119th Infantry Company G or F, please write giving me your address.

Of if you know of anyone or have the address of one who served in either G or F Co., 119th Inf during World War I, please let me know by calling me collect or writing me:

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## Good Crop, Bad Prices Cotton Outlook

A late cotton crop is moving slowly from the field to a depressed market while producers here are pleased over the generally good quality of the cotton

and bemoan low prices. Picking is running somewhere from ten days to a month late. Hoke farmer Robert L. (Bobby) Gibson said that

## Adm. Patterson To Speak

Rear Admiral A.M. Patterson (retired) will be the featured speaker at the annual fall meeting of the Hoke County Historical Association Tuesday night in the civic center.

Born and raised in Hoke County, Rear Admiral Patterson was commissioned as an officer upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1927.

During his 31 year military career, he was awarded the Bronze Star, in addition to area and theater medals and ribbons, including the Pacific Theater ribbon with 14 combat stars.

Patterson is a member of several historical societies and is the author of THE CLAN McBRIDE. He is presently working on another book.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30.



Rear Admiral Patterson



BLUE RIBBON - Kay Thomas, Raeford Woman's Club president, displays the silver cup (top) and certificate the club was awarded for first place Yearbook in Class A, district nine. The large cup (bottom) was awarded to the RWC in recognition of their community cooperation and involvement. The prizes were presented at the district meeting of the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

## C of C Endorsement

## School Bond Issue Gets Boost

Support for the \$1.25 million school bond issue got a boost when the directors of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce endorsed the proposal at a special meeting Tuesday morning.

G. Raz Autry, county school superintendent, met with the directors to explain the reasons the school bond is asking for the issue and to seek the support of the Chamber.

The \$1,250,000 he is asking the voters to approve Nov. 5 is matching funds for the county's share of a state-wide bond issue passed last year, he said.

\$1,246,875.25 is coming to the county from the state and is to be spent for the most crucial needs, Autry said. This includes a new library for Hoke High, additional classrooms for Scurlock and repair of the sewer system at West Hoke.

These three projects will exhaust the state funds, Autry explained. Therefore, he said, he is asking the county taxpayers for the bond issue to finance the remaining projects the school board views as crucial.

These include a new library at West Hoke, two new shops at the high school, and adding a stage to one of the gymnasiums at Hoke High to make it useable for an auditorium.

"We need that," he explained about the "gymtorium", to have a place to

present musical programs, dramatic programs and to have a place to graduate our seniors if it rains.

"The good Lord has been kind to me," Autry went on, "but I got to thinking what would I have done if we had had two weeks of rain and I had had to mail out diplomas. How sad, what a traumatic ending to 12 years of school, not to be able to graduate.

"It would have been worth the extra money for the bond issue to me if that had happened when my son graduated," Autry said.

In the past two weeks, Autry has put together a campaign to push the bond issue. He has been careful to explain that no public funds are being used to finance the drive, which he estimates will cost about \$800 to \$1,000. He has received donations amounting to about \$400, he said.

Autry acknowledged that the bond issue faces an uncertain future at the polls.

"If we get beat, we'll get beat by our friends," he said. "These are folks who don't want to vote against it, so they'll just stay home.

"Or we'll get beat by the anti-movement. I don't think more than about two school bond issues have passed in the state of North Carolina in the past few years.

"People tell me the timing is not right, you're going to get beat, the economic conditions are not good."

usually the first cotton was picked around the first of September and harvesting was in full swing by the end of September. This year, farmers are still waiting for some bolls to open.

Henry Maxwell of Oakdale Gin said that the crop was at least ten days later than last year. Some 13,000 bales had been ginned by late Tuesday, he said.

Maxwell said the quality had been very good.

"It's grading real good," he said. "The staple has been excellent."

Wendell Young, county farm agent, said, "It's a pretty good crop. It's right much better than I thought it would be. It's weighing quite a bit more than it usually does and the grades and staple lengths are good.

"Most producers are pretty happy with the production but they're not happy with the price." The price of cotton this year has dropped to about 44 to 48 cents a pound, Young said, and it costs at least that much to produce it.

Gibson said it costs about \$250 to produce an acre of cotton this year and, at current prices, an acre yields about

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## Feed Dealer Murdered

### United Fund Drive Heads Toward \$19,441 Target

The United Fund campaign began this week, with thirteen committee chairmen named to help push the drive to the \$19,441.21 goal.

Campaign co-chairman Mrs. Joan Balfour and Mrs. Sarah Leach named committee leaders as the drive got underway Monday.

Horace Stogner will head the Tex-Elastic drive while Dick Lovette will co-ordinate the Knit-Away campaign. Ashwell Harward and Bob Gentry will conduct the Burlington drive.

Canvassing the county individuals will be Mrs. Bertha Hendrix, while Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Knox will seek contributions from individuals in the city.

Mrs. Theresa McBryde will head the commercial section of the campaign

while Mrs. Bea Herbin will contact public employees. Charles Hostetler was named to head the professional drive and Raz Autry will chair the teacher campaign.

W. T. McAllister was named to co-ordinate the UF drive at McCain and Larry Phillips will head the campaign at Raeford Turkey Farms.

Seven county programs will benefit from the United Fund this year. Sharing in the drive will be the Girl Scouts, \$4,000; the Boy Scouts, \$5,500; Red Cross, \$4,531; the White Cane program administered by Raeford Lions Club, \$750; 4-H clubs, \$1,085; the county rescue squad, \$1,500; senior citizens program, \$150 and Carolina United, \$1,925.21.

The United Fund drive will end Nov. 1.

## 14 Recent Cases

### DUI Charges Reduced To Lesser Offenses

Charges of driving under the influence of alcohol against a driver with a Breathalyzer reading of .25 were dropped by the state Friday in return for a guilty plea to a lesser charge.

In the past month, 14 DUI charges

have been reduced in District Court.

James Luther Parker, a 55-year-old man living in Red Springs, had a DUI charge dropped in court Friday and arranged through his attorney, Philip Diehl, to plead guilty to careless and reckless driving. Parker, who reportedly had been convicted of drunken driving before, received a suspended jail term and was placed on probation for five years and had his license suspended for five years. Had he been convicted of DUI, he would have automatically had his license revoked for a period of two years by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, with no possibility of a limited driving permit. A limited driving permit was granted to Parker in court Friday.

Judge Joseph E. Dupree, who sentenced Parker, stated he was not aware of the defendant's .25 Breathalyzer reading, but that in cases where the state has agreed with defense counsel to decline to prosecute, this was usual. Judge Dupree emphasized that even if the probation department recommended an early termination of the five year probation period, this would in no way affect the man's orders that he may not drive an automobile for five years within the state, except as set out in the provisions of his limited driving permit.

Hank Finch, assistant district attorney, stated it "was a very infrequent occurrence" in regard to the Parker case.

"First of all, you have to look at the

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## Morehead Nominees

### Two Compete For Scholarship

Two Hoke High seniors have been selected by a faculty committee at Hoke High School as nominees for the prestigious Morehead Scholarship offered by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

This year's nominees are Susan Marie Croft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee Croft of Rt. 1, Aberdeen, and George King, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George McCown King, Sr., of McMillan Street, Raeford.

The Morehead Scholarships are awarded for undergraduate study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for each college year at the rate of \$2,500.00 if all conditions of the Morehead program are met.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a current graduate of a school on the list of those selected by the trustees of UNC. Each candidate must be unmarried and must demonstrate the qualities and capacity for leadership as demonstrated by his leadership as demonstrated by his leadership of and interest in schoolmates, scholastic ability, extra-curricular achievements and competition in competitive sports and other ways. Morehead Awards are conferred solely for outstanding merit.

"Susan is president of the Hoke chapter of the National Honor Society and represented the club at the honor society convention. She is a member of the student teacher's organization, SAE, and the school Science Club. She served as a marshal at graduation last year and



Susan Marie Croft



George King, Jr.

has attended the Governor's School.

Susan is associate editor of the Hoke yearbook and is a member of the chorus and chorale. She is active in church work, singing in the choir and as a member of Acteens. She has also been active in 4-H, serving as secretary of a 4-H club for two years and as a junior leader. She has represented the county in the state 4-H dress review one year.

King is active in sports and school clubs, where he is president of the Key Club this year and a member of SAE,

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Club and French Club. He is sports editor for the Hoke yearbook and is a member of the chorus and chorale.

King has played football since the ninth grade and is a member of the varsity team for both track and football. He is active in church work as a member of UMYF and has received a VFW citizenship award. He has attended a UNC choral workshop, A.C.S. Methodist Conference, the Citadel summer camp and served on the Council of Ministries as a youth representative.

## Area Incidents

A head-on collision between a car and a tractor-trailer rig left 401 by-pass blocked for several hours early Monday morning, but the accident resulted in only minor injuries.

According to Highway Patrol Trooper K.W. Weston, an auto driven by Dwight Laymon McLean of Rt. 1, Shannon, traveling at a high rate of speed, approached the rear of an Army vehicle and skidded. McLean then swerved his car across the center line and collided with the truck driven by Robert Willie Nash of Fayetteville, Trooper Weston said.

The tractor-trailer, heading south on the by-pass and loaded with spools of yarn, skidded and then overturned. Nash was thrown from his truck and was given first aid by the soldiers in the vehicle before he was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital by Morrison's Ambulance service. Trooper Weston said the driver did not appear to be badly hurt.

A passenger in the McLean vehicle also complained of injuries but did not

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