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Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The election is over, the votes have been counted and now it is time to start the work to solve the problems that caused the landslide for the Democrats. If something isn't done about the problems in the next two years, I expect that the tables could turn again.

Of course to solve these problems may cause each of us to have to sacrifice. Now this will not be easy, but think of what it could hold for the future.

Something must be done and we all must be a part of the solution. Remember this, and then gas lines, inflation and etc. will not be with us. It is worth a try.

While on the subject of elections, I always check the official returns of a general election to see who received the largest number of votes even if they didn't have opposition. This year the high vote getter in Hoke County was Sheriff David M. Barrington with 2362 votes. He was followed by Judge Susie Sharp with 2343 votes, Commissioner James A. Hunt with 2339 votes, Judge Coy Brewer with 2325 votes, and Coroner G. Franklin Crumpler with 2301 votes.

I don't know whether you noticed the District Court Judges race but Judge Joe Dupree led the ticket in Hoke County and was second in Cumberland County. This speaks well for Judge Dupree.

These figures may not mean anything to most voters but to the candidates they mean a lot.

I received the following card from Rear Adm. Alex Patterson last week:

Dear Sam:

It was certainly great to be with you good Hoke County folks and I hope I can get back more often in the future.

I have one correction to make to your remark that I was the only service academy grad from Hoke. Arthur Watson Gillis graduated from USMA in 1944. Believe he was Cliff's son, and Harold's brother. He lives, or did, in Springfield, Va. He retired as a lieutenant commander.

Sincerely,
Alex P.

Thanks for the card, Admiral, and hope you will return to Hoke soon. I could have been misunderstood concerning the remark about a grad from a service academy. If I didn't, I meant to say the first graduate from a service academy from Hoke County. Anyway, the record is now straight.

The following letter is from Raz Autry and should be his quota for this column for 1974. It follows:

Dear Sam:

I can't possibly express to the people of Hoke County my deep appreciation for their confidence in our school system. I realize the victory was by a small margin but I also feel that even those who felt they could not afford a tax increase at this time were with us in the school system. I hope it will not mean an increase.

I think it gives a mandate to all of our people to do our utmost at all times. I can assure the folks who voted for or against the bond issue that we will do everything humanly possible to fulfill the needs of our children both

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Baptists Plan Revival Days

As part of a pre-75th anniversary celebration, revival services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Raeford Nov. 17-21.

Special services will be held at noon next Monday through Wednesday, with a light lunch served. The service will end a few minutes before 1 p.m.

Meetings are also scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Marion Powell, pastor of Pine Valley Baptist Church in Wilmington. A native of Morganton, he has also served churches in Taylorsville, Newton and Valdese.

He served as moderator of the Alexander Baptist Association and as a member of the executive committee of the general board. The Rev. Mr. Powell has preached in two Home Mission Board Crusades in Canada and New York.

At the services, special music under the direction of Mrs. Doris Austin will be presented.

A nursery will also be provided.

Official Vote In Hoke

Here is the official vote tally, compiled by the Hoke County Board of Elections:

School Bonds: for 1,393; against, 1,229.

Board of Education: Riley Jordan, 1,711; Bill Howell, 1,636; Bobby Gibson, 1,624; D.R. Huff, Jr., 1,570; Wilton Wood, 1,335; Mrs. Mina Townsend, 1,249; Robert Doby, 992; W.T. McAllister, 291.

Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors: J. Woodrow Hayes, 1,957; James R. Strother, 1,670; R.E. Neeley, 1,708.

County Commission: John Balfour, 2,280; Ralph Barnhart, 2,234; James Albert Hunt, 2,339; Burnice Blanks, 213.

Clerk of Court: Mrs. Juanita Edmund, 2,275; Barbara Jones, 1; John K. McNeill Jr., 1.

Sheriff: D.M. Barrington, 2,362; Martha Upchurch, 1.

Coroner: G. Franklin Crumpler, 2,301.

State Senator: Luther J. Britt Jr., 2,149; Steve Strickland 248.

State House of Representatives: Joy J. Johnson, 2,180; Henry W. Oxendine, 2,165; David R. Parnell, 2,203; William R. Bullard Jr., 241; Glenn Maynor, 276.

Solicitor (District Attorney): E.W. (Ed) Grannis Jr., 2,223.

District Court Judges: Derb S. Carter, 2,208; Joseph E. Dupree, 2,260; D.B. Herring, Jr., 2,171; George Stuhl, 2,160; Charles Lee Guy, 2,173.

U.S. Senate: Robert Morgan, 2,122; William F. Stevens, 407; Henry Rudolph Nesmith, 19.

U.S. House of Representatives: Charles Rose, 2,240.

Attorney General: Rufus L. Edmisten, 2,142; James H. Carson Jr., 461; Marion Raine Porter, 24.

Chief Justice Supreme Court: Susie Sharp, 2,343; James Milford Newcomb, 170; Stanley Ezrol, 6.

Associate Justice Supreme Court: J. William Copeland, 2,216; James M. Baley Jr., 213.

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Judges Court of Appeals: David M. Britt, 2,283; Edward B. Clark, 2,262; Walter E. Brock, 2,256; Robert M. Martin, 2,263; Naomi E. Morris, 2,263; Frank M. Parker, 2,247; Gerald Arnold, 2,236.

Judges Superior Court: Herbert Small, 2,295; Perry Martin, 2,293; John Webb, 2,298; A. Pilston Godwin Jr., 2,277; Edwin S. Preston, Jr., 2,239; Donald L. Smith, 237; Harry E. Canady, 2,293; Coy E. Brewer, 2,325; Thomas H. Lee, 2,282; D. Marsh McLelland, 2,276; W. Douglas Albright, 2,278; Hal Hammer Walker, 2,277; Thomas W. Seay Jr., 2,281; John D. McConnell, 2,281; William Z. Wood, 2,275; Julius A. Rousseau Jr., 2,277; Forrest A. Ferrell, 2,254; Ted S. Douglas, 171; Kenneth A. Griffin, 2,278; Frank W. Sneed, 2,276; Robert W. Kirby, 2,274; Robert D. Lewis, 2,282; Harry C. Martin, 2,279; Jonathan W. Jackson, 2,274; Lacy H. Thornburg, 2,285.

Constitutional Amendments: District Attorney for, 1,516; against, 688; Revenue Bonds for, 1,122; against, 1,016.

Building Panel Sets Limit On Size Of New Library

The building and architect committee for the Bicentennial Library went to work again Tuesday, studying a preliminary drawing submitted by the architect, and they came up with some definite ideas.

Chairman of the committee, Ralph Barnhart, outlined two duties of the group. They must, he said, plan a building the county could afford and they must approve one that is functional and has eye appeal.

He pointed out that the building committee has the responsibility to determine how the building will look from the outside.

Besides Barnhart, the committee includes Mrs. Paul Dickson, Mrs. Lawrence McNeill, Miss Josephine Hall and Mrs. William Howell.

Tuesday the group decided to request an additional 20 feet in depth from the Board of Education for the lot in front of McLaughlin School. This would allow for a wider building with less length.

Next, the committee agreed on a maximum of 8,500 to 9,000 square feet for the structure. This was based on an estimated construction cost of \$35 a square foot and a state-recommended collection of 40,000 volumes.

Finally they planned to visit other libraries of similar size in the area to study the buildings.

The committee studied a drawing submitted by Hayes and Howell Architects of Southern Pines that included nearly 14,000 square feet and featured a zig-zag wall structure that

had sparked considerable criticism from librarian Frances Edwards.

Barnhart estimated it would cost from \$400,000 to \$500,000 to construct. The library fund will have only \$300,000 including revenue sharing grants of \$200,000 from the city and county and \$100,000 in contributions from the community.

The revenue sharing funds must be spent within two years or they will have to be returned to the federal government.

The building committee was instructed last week by the full library board to proceed with the design so that construction could begin as soon as possible.

Barnhart said that as soon as the committee could get a decision on the additional 20 feet needed, the architects would be informed of the size and cost limitations agreed upon Tuesday and would be asked to submit another drawing to conform with those requirements.

He pointed out to the committee that interior designs could be modified after the exterior was approved. Progress on the library has been slowed for some time by controversy over proposed designs.

Barnhart said that so far the architects had not been given any ideas about how the committee wanted their building to look.

"We should be able to give them some firm guidance the next time we meet," he said.

Hunt Says

Steady Hand, Sharp Pencil Needed Against Inflation



ABOUT GOVERNMENT -- Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt outlines plans for the next General Assembly in a talk Monday sponsored by the Raeford Lions Club.

UF Hits \$10,500

United Fund collections edged up to \$10,500 this week with more than \$8,000 contributed by the two Burlington plants.

This is approximately 54 per cent of the goal this year.

Individual contributions amount to more than \$500, according to drive

chairmen, Mrs. Joan Balfour and Mrs. Sarah Leach.

Mrs. Leach commended some of the volunteers who have helped with the campaign: Mrs. Neill Senter, Mrs. Eddie Jameson, Mrs. H.L. McMinis, Mrs. Richard Lizotte, Mrs. Bertha Hendrix, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Knox, Mrs. Dan McGougan and Mrs. Jane Ivey.

Prices Rise

Coal Strike Will Hurt Here

The nationwide coal strike could have a serious effect in Hoke County, a spokesman for the area's only coal distributor warned this week.

Clyde Upchurch, operator of Hoke Concrete Co., announced a general price increase on coal to take effect Monday.

"This is going to hurt a lot of people. I'm afraid", Upchurch said. "The less fortunate people who buy coal in small quantities, and the ones on public assistance, I don't know how they're going to pay for it".

Upchurch said most of his customers buy 100 lb. bags, which will now cost \$4 effective Monday. He added a 100 lb. bag usually represents about a two day supply to heat the homes of customers in cold weather.

"It's really pitiful. They go back and forth, using gas to get here, and buy the bags because they can't afford to buy a large amount at a time", he continued.

Upchurch said he has on hand a supply of about 100 tons of coal, but warned he expects no new shipments until the strike is settled.

"Last year, I had 600 tons on hand, but we had an exceptionally mild winter. If the weather holds, I will probably have coal until Christmas. If it started to snow tonight, I'd have more orders than I could take".

There is no official estimate of how many families in the county depend on coal as a primary source of fuel. The cost of home heating is regarded as a particular problem to lower income families and those on public assistance.

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Cable TV To Begin

Cable television will be coming to Raeford and service is expected to start at the first of the year, it was announced Monday.

James Humphrey, general manager of Raeford Cable TV, said construction is scheduled to get underway soon. The work, which involves about 23 miles of system, should be completed sometime next month and the cable service should be fully operational early in January, he said.

Raeford Cable TV, a part of the N.C. Cable TV, Inc., system, expects to open a business office in the city next month, Humphreys said. A site has not yet been chosen.

A clear eye, a strong heart, a steady hand and a sharp pencil will be needed by legislators next term to guide the state through inflation and recession, Lt. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., told a Raeford audience Monday night.

After meeting with the Lion's Club for dinner at the civic center, Hunt addressed a public meeting at the high school. About 60 persons attended.

With recession and inflation, Hunt said that reduced state revenues should be expected.

"We are already anticipating and preparing to cope with a tighter budget than we've had for many years," Hunt said.

When the General Assembly convenes in January, Hunt said he would ask the Senate committees to review all budget requests to see if they will reduce inflation.

He will also ask for a review of the operating policies of each state agency to make sure they do not contribute to inflation and will call for an inspection of state regulatory commissions for the same reason, the lieutenant governor said.

Legislation to correct any abuses found would then be proposed, Hunt promised.

Hunt said that a responsible budget would be based on four principles:

-- By state law, the budget must be balanced.

-- Any major new funding commitments must be limited.

-- Funding must be expanded for programs such as housing and health care that will help fight inflation.

-- If it is possible without seriously impairing efforts to curb inflation, aid must be given to those most seriously hurt by it, such as "the elderly, the poor and, in some cases, certain businesses."

Hunt did not name any businesses that might be aided.

Hunt told the group that he expected the Democratic-controlled Senate to give every consideration to Republican Governor James Holshouser's program, "if it is a reasonable program."

"But we will have our own programs, and we expect the Governor to work with us and to implement those programs once they are enacted," he said.

Democrats will hold 49 of the 50 state Senate seats next session and will control the House 111-9. As lieutenant governor, Hunt is president of the state senate.

Hunt said that the overwhelming Democratic victory conveyed great responsibility. The election demonstrated that North Carolinians want "leadership that is positive, leadership that is honest and leadership that will conduct the affairs of our state and nation in a way that is above reproach."

The recent campaigns showed, he said, a need for a standard that will focus on issues and not on personalities. Also a need was shown, he said, "to

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Slacks Okay At Hoke High

Pantsuits and slacks are approved attire for girls at Hoke High, beginning yesterday until Feb. 18.

Principal Allen Edwards laid down guidelines that approved "nicely fitted pants, pantsuits and slacks worn in good taste."

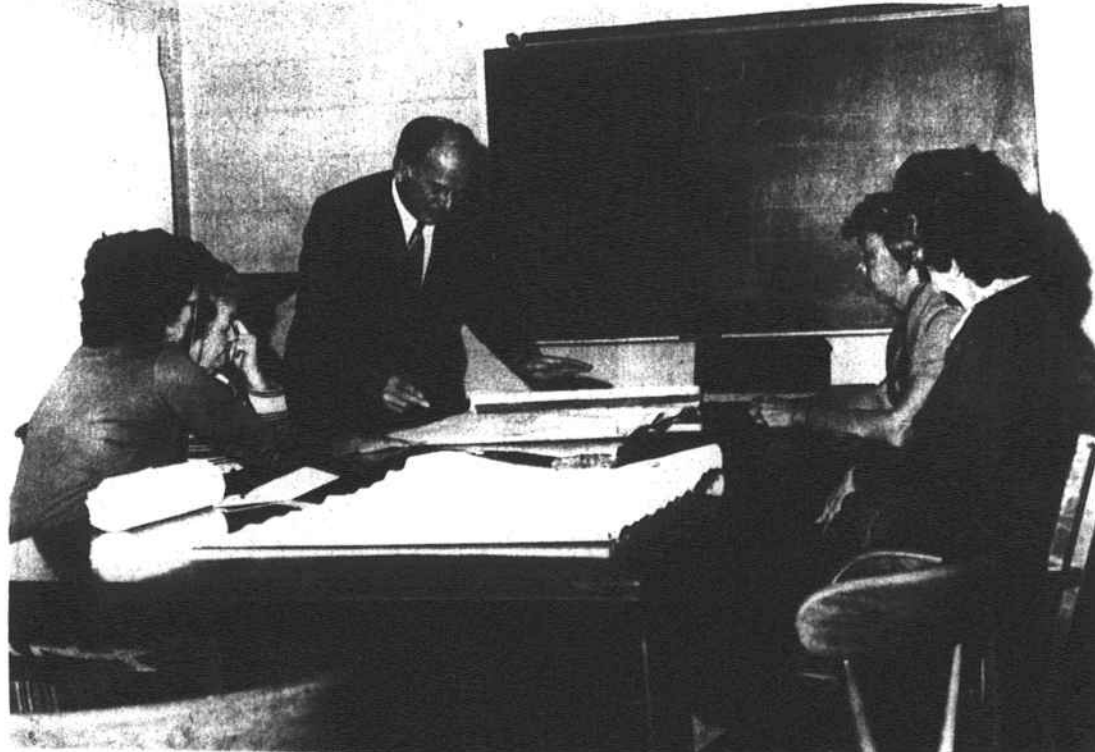
Shirt tails designed to be tucked into pants must be worn tucked in, he cautioned.

Forbidden are "lounge type suits made with frills and of materials intended for evening wear; pants with added decorative patches; midriffs, halters or old or faded blue jeans."

Young Democrats To Meet

Young Democrats interested in organizing a Hoke County chapter are asked to meet Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. on the courthouse steps.

Willie McCaskill and Warren Pate, who are spearheading the movement to form a YDC, said that if sufficient interest is shown, a meeting place and time will then be arranged.



PLANS -- Members of the library building and architect committee study design proposals at a meeting Tuesday. Shown are (from left) Mrs. William Howell, Miss Josephine Hall, Ralph Barnhart, Mrs. Paul Dickson and Mrs. Lawrence McNeill.