

General Fund Collections Up
Net General Fund collections for April totaled \$119.4 million, an increase of \$1.5 million over April 1974 figures, state revenue officials reported.
For the first ten months of the current fiscal year, net collections were \$1,250.0 million, an increase of \$104.7 million, or 9.14%, over the same period last year.

April net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$23.9 million, a decrease of 6.66% over last year. Gasoline tax receipts amounted to \$20.6 million, compared with \$21.8 million for April 1974.

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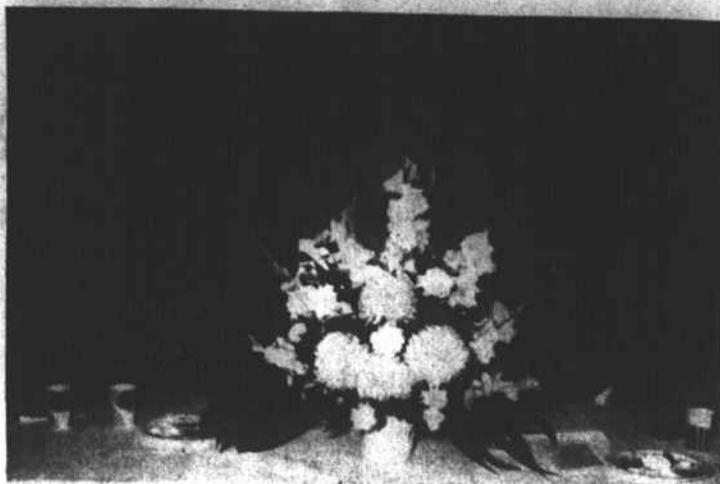
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SPEAKER FROM THE HOUSE - State Representative Henry Ward Oxendine reminds the audience at the first annual Hoke County Civic League banquet of the advances made by minorities in the last 25 years. Rep. Joy Johnson (in background) also was featured at the dinner.

Oxendine, Johnson Speak At Civic League

State Representatives Henry Ward Oxendine and Joy Johnson spoke here last Friday at the first annual banquet of the Hoke County Civic League.

Oxendine outlined the progress made by minorities in the last 25 years, such as now being able to obtain lodging when traveling.

Members of minority races still must go to the "dominant race" when borrowing money, Oxendine said, but he reminded his audience that banks need borrowers.

"It's the same with merchants," Oxendine said. "When you buy from the merchant, you are doing him a favor."

In this county, the minority races are the majority, Oxendine said, and all races need to work together.

"The minorities don't owe any apologies to anyone, because they gave the land and labor that made this country what it is and they have every right to share in it," Oxendine said.

Johnson recalled his first campaign and how he waited for the ballots to be tallied to become the first black representative from the 21st district.

Johnson blasted the state slogan on license tags, "First in Freedom."

North Carolina has the largest number of persons on death row and has the highest number of welfare errors made by persons working in welfare offices.

"First in Freedom, yet we have

people dying of malnutrition," Johnson said. "Breaking our necks to adopt foreign babies when we have unlimited babies in the U.S. needing homes."

"The facts need to be recognized that freedom has not yet come in this country and the fight must go on," Johnson said.

A question and answer period followed the talks.

The civic league was formed a year ago by a group of concerned ministers. Officers are the Rev. M.H. Williams, president; Jimmy Morrissey, vice-chairman; Mrs. Kathryn McPhatter, secretary; Mrs. Minnie Simmons, assistant secretary and Elder N.W. McPhatter, treasurer.

The invocation was given by the Rev. W.K. Mitchell, pastor of Silver Grove M.B. Church and Mrs. McPhatter welcomed the guests.

E.H. Oxendine, principal of Upchurch Junior High, introduced the speakers. The benediction was given by the Elder N.W. McPhatter, pastor of St. Andrews Holiness Church.

Longtime Teacher Retiring

Alexander Geddie, a teacher in the Hoke County schools for over 40 years, will retire at the end of this school term.

"Prof" Geddie, as he is widely known throughout the county, has served as assistant principal, principal, president of the Hoke County Teachers, president of the Masters' Club, Scoutmaster, Coach, and head of the math department at Upchurch Junior High School.

Geddie is a veteran of World War II and traveled widely while in the service. He holds a B.S. degree from Fayetteville State University and a masters degree from New York University. He is also a doctoral candidate at NYU.

Even though he is retiring from public school, he will continue to teach his math classes out of Sandhills College.

When asked about advice to young teachers, he sums it up quickly. Grow a thick skin, have a deep love for children, and be a dedicated teacher.



Alexander Geddie

City Council Gets A Look At Budget

The city council awarded a fencing contract and got their first look at budget proposals at a special council meeting Monday afternoon.

Proposed expenditures amounting to \$670,792.91 were presented by city manager John Gaddy but additional meetings are scheduled before a tentative budget will be compiled.

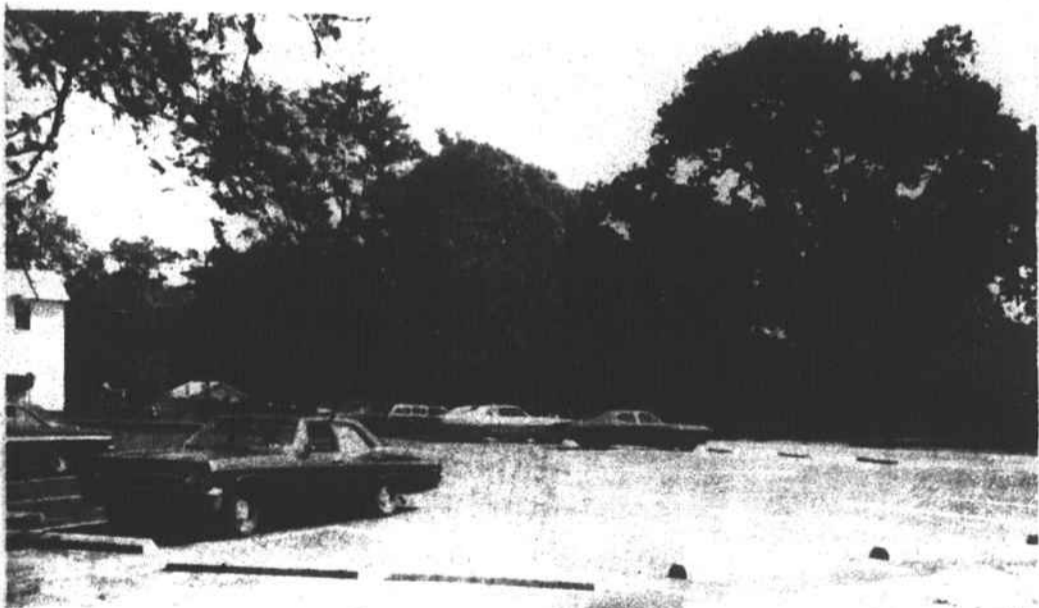
Approximately a five per cent raise for city employees was suggested.

Bids for fencing around the city garage were opened and the contract was awarded to Holland Fence Company for \$3,451.54. Other bids were Sears, \$3,360.41 and Southern Lawn and Fence Company, \$3,690.46.



MASCOTS - Chosen by the senior class at Robeson Country Day School are mascots Douglas Sparks and Virginia Hayes. Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Sparks of Raeford and Virginia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hayes of Hoke County.

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