

## Around Town

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The wet weather should help the water shortage problem in some of the North Carolina cities. The rains have been good in another way as they have held back on weekends so that the football games could be played.

The game played in Washington Monday night was an exception. The pigskin was really greased as 10 turnovers had occurred in the first half.

Anyway all you can do about the weather is write or talk about it. Enough said.

The trip to and from Chapel Hill last weekend was very nice. The score was real close 12 - 10 so the trip wasn't too far back for Mary Alice.

A Carolina alumnus did ask me Sunday if I had seen Allen Edwards or Raz Autry since the ballgame. Since the answer was negative, he asked me to say that "Silence is Golden." Now what he means by this maybe some East Carolina fan can tell me.

Mac Crowley of the Wayside Community was by the office Monday with a watermelon that looked to weigh over 50 lbs. Mac said that he found the melon growing in a large straw pile near his house.

I have heard of melons being grown in straw and being kept until around Christmas. Maybe if Mac will look around in the straw he will find more melons.

Thanks Mac for bringing the melon by and calling it to our attention.

The general election is next Tuesday, November 2 as most of you have seen announced on television or read in newspapers. So most of us know about the election, but I heard Monday night that only around 30% of the voters would vote. Maybe not that many. This means that 1 out of 3 people are deciding how the country will be run.

Now in Hoke County we have over 6200 people registered to vote. According to this survey mentioned above, about 2000 will vote in the county.

Let's do something different for a change. How about you voting and then getting two other people to vote and we will come close to 100%. Is this asking too much? Just two people!

If you can't find two people be sure to vote yourself.

Some civic-minded citizens are thinking about calling voters on Monday night before the election to remind them to vote. If you would be interested in helping with this project get in touch with Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr. or call The News-Journal office and leave your name and telephone number. You will be contacted and names assigned to you.

Give a few minutes of your time and let's get out the vote in Hoke County.

A letter from Julian McKeithan, former Hoke County native now living in Leland, stated that he

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## Six Ballots On Tuesday

# Carter-Ford Race Called Close, Good Local Turnout Expected

With less than a week to go before the election, national polls give Jimmy Carter an edge over President Ford but a North Carolina survey which puts the race neck and neck in the state should attract a good turnout of voters here.

Locally, voters will choose two men to serve as county commissioners for the next four years and the school board race -- a non-partisan contest which almost always draws wide interest -- has a field of six candidates vying for two seats open.

Alex Brock, director of the State Board of Elections, reported that North Carolina has experienced the greatest increase in voter registration to date, 2,553,717 Tar Heels are registered to vote, with Democrats comprising 1,840,827, Republicans 601,897, new parties 8,453 and independent and no preference 102,540. The net increase in registration is 118,512 persons since July 20 of this year.

In Hoke County, the board of elections reported 6,491 persons registered, an increase over July of 1975. Democrats number 5,960, Republicans 429 and American Independent and no preference 102.

The Sunday Raleigh News and Observer reported its survey of state voters showed

less than one percentage point separated Carter and Ford. North Carolina has 13 electoral votes.

In another poll copyrighted by *The News and Observer*, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jim Hunt is holding a 2-1 lead over Republican David Flaherty, based on telephone interviews with 768 selected persons.

Voters will mark six ballots in all next Tuesday. In addition to the presidential contest, the offices to be decided are: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Superintendent of Public Instruction, members of Congress and state court justices. Also representatives to both the state senate and house of representatives.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Depending on the size of the turnout, a spokesman for the elections board estimated final results from all 13 county precincts would not be in before midnight.

Listed here are biographies of candidates for the local races. Sample ballots appear elsewhere in the newspaper.

Six candidates are vying for two seats on the Hoke County Board of Education in a non-partisan race. (Four year terms.)

**Robert H. Gatlin**, 66, is a previous board of education member, having served 18 years. A retired Hoke County schoolteacher, the Raeford native received his B.S. degree in civil engineering from N.C. State University. He and his wife Mamie reside in Raeford. They have two grown daughters.

**D.R. Huff Jr.**, 52, is the incumbent chairman of the board of education and has served on the board for the past 24 years, 16 as chairman. A native of Guilford County, he moved here as a child. Huff is a graduate of N.C. State University with a degree in poultry science. He is a farmer and owns a grocery and service station in Ashley Heights. He and his wife have five sons, ages 26, 25, 22, 21 and 14. The youngest attends Hoke High.

**Ruth S. McNair**, 55, is the only black candidate for the board of education. A native of Wampum, Pa., she is employed as assistant director of nurses at McCain Hospital. She received her nurse's training at Kate Bittings School of Nursing in Winston-Salem. This is her first bid for public office. She is married to a Raeford businessman who ran unsuccessfully in the 1960's for a seat.

**Catherine (Kay) McN. Thomas**, 30, is a former social worker and a Hoke native. She is a graduate of Pembroke State University and majored in psychology. She is making her first bid for public office. She is married to a Raeford city councilman and has one child age six.

**Mina H. Townsend**, 39, is making her second try for a spot on the board of education after running unsuccessfully in 1974. A former schoolteacher, the Huntington, W. Va. native is a graduate of Marshall University where she earned a degree in elementary education. She and her husband, a physician, have three children, ages 16, 14, and 13.

**A. Wilton Wood**, 49, an incumbent, has served on the board of education for the past 15 years. A native of Rockfish, he is a graduate of Presbyterian Junior College where he earned a degree in business administration. Wood is an agent for National Old Line Insurance Co. He and his wife Jeanne have four children, ages 24, 22, 20 and 15. The youngest (See ELECTIONS, Page 14)

## OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

- a. To vote this ballot, make a cross  mark in the circle  in the name of the political party for whose candidate you wish to vote.
- b. A vote for the names of a political party's candidates for President and Vice-President is a vote for the members of that party, the names of whom are on file with the Secretary of State.
- c. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

<p><b>DEMOCRATIC</b></p> <p>To Vote for Candidates Listed Below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Mark Within This Circle</p> <p><b>For President and Vice-President of the United States:</b></p> <p><b>JIMMY CARTER</b> <b>WALTER MONDALE</b></p> <p><small>General Election November 2, 1976 North Carolina</small></p>	<p><b>REPUBLICAN</b></p> <p>To Vote for Candidates Listed Below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Mark Within This Circle</p> <p><b>For President and Vice-President of the United States:</b></p> <p><b>GERALD R. FORD</b> <b>ROBERT DOLE</b></p>	<p><b>AMERICAN</b></p> <p>To Vote for Candidates Listed Below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Mark Within This Circle</p> <p><b>For President and Vice-President of the United States:</b></p> <p><b>THOMAS J. ANDERSON</b> <b>RUFUS SHACKLEFORD</b></p>	<p><b>LABOR</b></p> <p>To Vote for Candidates Listed Below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Mark Within This Circle</p> <p><b>For President and Vice-President of the United States:</b></p> <p><b>LYNDON H. LAROCHE, JR.</b> <b>WAYNE EVANS</b></p>	<p><b>LIBERTARIAN</b></p> <p>To Vote for Candidates Listed Below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Mark Within This Circle</p> <p><b>For President and Vice-President of the United States:</b></p> <p><b>ROGER MACBRIDE</b> <b>DAVID BERGLAND</b></p> <p><small>Chairman, State Board of Elections</small></p>
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## 450 Shots Given

One hundred and fifty-eight persons turned out at the public health department Monday to receive a swine flu vaccination, making the total number of shots given here since the start of the program 450.

Monday's turnout was the largest on any single day since the immunization campaign began Oct. 11. Last Friday, 98 persons received the shot during the afternoon clinic.

"I think as more people get the shot others will come in. A lot were holding back to see if others were getting any side effects. As more people take it and experience no pain or unpleasant effects they will tell others about it", acting health center director Susan McKenzie said.

The next scheduled round of shots will be Friday, Oct. 29 from 1-4:30 p.m. Next week, the health center will administer shots all day Monday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, an evening clinic for those who are unable to visit the health center during daytime hours is scheduled. Shots will be given from 5-8:30 p.m. on that date. Although no one will be turned away at the evening clinic, Mrs. McKenzie asks that those people who can come during the day arrange to receive shots during regular hours.

Currently the swine flu vaccine is being given to adults age 18 or older. There is a possibility that the vaccine may be approved for children age three and older, but no definite decision has been made yet by state authorities.



**FLU VACCINE** -- Sabrina Todd was among 40 people who received a swine flu shot at the public health department during an afternoon clinic Oct. 15. The following week, more than double that number showed up for the afternoon clinic and health workers believe more people are gaining confidence in the vaccine.

## City Adds Zip To Fire Hydrants

The city fire hydrants have taken on a new look lately, and if the luminescent green, yellow and orange hues leaping out don't seem very eye-catching, don't worry. The job isn't finished.

The old familiar red hydrant is giving way to a new system of "color coding" hydrants so firemen know immediately how much water pressure they have, city manager Robert Drumwright explained. The system is recommended by American Waterworks Association, a national advisory group.

When the painting is finished, the hydrants will be identified as: Green--1,000 gallons per minute or more. Orange -- 500-1,000 gallons per minute. Red -- 500 gallons per minute or less.

Only the caps, or "bonnets", to the hydrants will have the special color. The rest is to be painted

## Rose's Office

The mobile office of Congressman Charlie Rose will visit Raeford Thursday, Oct. 28 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

The van will be parked at the post office lot on W. Elwood Ave.

yellow. Phosphorescent paint is being used for easy identification in the dark.

All of the hydrants have gotten the paintbrush at least once except the Main Street ones. Drumwright said the Main St. hydrants will be replaced by newer models with increased pumping capability. Seven are on order at a cost of \$3,200. "I guess they do look a little funny now," Drumwright commented. "But they should all be finished by next week."

What's a dog to think?

## Turn Back Clock Sunday

Turn your clocks back one hour next Sunday morning at 2 A.M. as most of the nation ends Daylight Saving Time and returns to Eastern Standard Time (EST). If you don't happen to be up at that hour, turn your clocks back before going to bed and you won't forget.

The changeover is set by Congress on the last Sunday in October. Next year, on the last Sunday in April, we'll go back to Daylight Saving Time.

## Beware, Be Wise

Double Double... toil 'n trouble...



Miniature Spider Men and Wonder Women will join the usual assortment of ghosts and witches making the trick or treat rounds this weekend.

Chief of Police V.L. Wiggins had several suggestions for parents of the would-be spooks. "First of all, I'd suggest that the children go out on Sunday rather than Saturday. The traffic is normally slower on a Sunday evening," he said.

"Secondly, I'd recommend that the children start early, maybe right after sundown. And, I think that parents shouldn't let them stay out much past 9 p.m."

Wiggins added that costumes should be chosen with safety in mind. "Be sure that the children can see enough through the masks to cross the street," he cautioned.

"I would also recommend that parents take their children to houses of friends and relatives other than letting them just go up and down streets in an unfamiliar neighborhood," he concluded.

Some parents reportedly plan on observing trick or treat night on Saturday as they would rather not have youngsters out on a school night, so be prepared for a double round of doorbells this weekend.

Two organizations are hosting Halloween parties. On Saturday the parks and recreation commission invites youngsters ages 10 and under to the old post office building across from the courthouse between 2:30 and 4 p.m. for an afternoon of Halloween films, stories and games. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Saturday night, the Hoke Jaycees are sponsoring a Halloween carnival from 7:30 - 11:30 at the South Hoke school gym. There will be games for young and old, refreshments, a disco dance for teenagers, a "spook house" and a costume contest for children ages 12 and under.

Admission is free to both parties. Good Haunting!