

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

Tuesday morning, November 2, 1976 is Election Day in the United States. The weather in Hoke County is perfect. A little on the cool side early in the morning but the temperature should get up into the sixties this afternoon. The sun is shining and my ballot is in the box and this gives me the right to exercise my opinion against which ever candidate wins.

When you read this column the winner will be known and I hope that you were one of the millions that voted.

So after reading this, if you see the writer about half asleep, you will know that it took a long time to count the six ballots.

The Hoke High School Bucks play in Laurinburg Friday night which is the final game of the season. The Bucks won at Homecoming last week and hope to make it two in a row.

Basketball season will be getting underway in a few weeks so get prepared for a winning season under a new coach.

From all reports the Law Enforcement Association fish fry was a success. Our 500 plates were sold and members were well pleased. I will say that the fish plates were super and it was enough for even a large eater.

The following letter was received from Curt Smith who is now living at Green Manor in Parkton:

Dear Sam:

The Journal is most weeks a real bright spot in my life, but the Black Bow Edition of Oct. 14 was not. I came up with both Speck Blue and Robert Covington and was saddened by their passing. The Covington family always tried to help the young. Mr. Covington raised shetland ponies, also tried to teach us kids to play tennis.

Robert organized the first kids baseball league I ever heard of. We played in Upchurch pasture. Even played out of town games. He was just a plain nice guy.

There is one thing going on in Hoke I can't imagine, all the high salaries for mayor and the commissioners. It use to be an honor to be elected by your peers, now it seems to be money madness.

Since John McKay Blue passed on - your cousin Price knows more about Hoke and Raeford than anyone I can think of.

I enjoy your column and Marty Vega's wit.

My best to all.

Sincerely,

Curt Smith.

Thanks Curt for the letter but Price Morris is my uncle and not a cousin and he now lives in Laurinburg.

This letter was addressed to Colonel Sam Morris. It follows:

Dear Sam:

Enclosed is a roster of Battery "F" 252nd Coast Artillery. This is say around September 10 or maybe 16, 1940.

I'm really not this smart, but after I got started; then it did not take too long. I know more of these fellows than I don't know.

Those that were smart in the Army turned out to be just as fine as a MAN could be; then those who were so awfully sorry and lazy are still lazy and sorry.

Did I ever tell you that my mother's mother was Mary Catherine Monroe. She was and her parents were Catherine McArthur and James Monroe. His parents were Nancy Gillis and Archibald Monroe.

I don't believe that I am very close kin to your Monroes. It seems as if Alexander Patterson, mentioned just the ones that he was kin to. None of my group were mentioned. Now I am more confused than ever before.

Well, Guess what? It's time to get back out there and go to work. I have been a Life Insurance Salesman since April 26, 1954.

Can you believe this? I haven't had a drink since February 20, 1954.

Have a Good Day and take care.

Best wishes,

Bill Williamson.

Thanks Bill! On the roster he sent were the names of four officers and 125 enlisted men. If I am not mistaken this is the number that left here for regular duty. Also Bill I am not a Colonel!

Carter, Hunt Sweep N.C. Vote, Devane, McPhatter Win Easily

Flu Shot Acceptance Still Slow

A health center official called the swine flu vaccination turnout slow even though Tuesday at 3 p.m. the count was up to 650 inoculations so far.

Susan McKenzie, acting health center director, explained, "We've been offering the vaccination now for three weeks and we're just not getting the response we should be getting now that we're into the flu season."

"We will be meeting with an immunization representative Nov. 16 from the Department of Human Resources to discuss ways to get this better publicized," she continued. "Actually, Hoke County is not the only place getting this reaction," she added.

According to Mrs. McKenzie, Monday's clinic administered 105 inoculations, and they are expecting to do better with the special evening clinic scheduled for tonight (Thursday). The vaccine will be administered from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the center.

Although another shipment of vaccine is expected to arrive Monday, other clinics have not been definitely scheduled.

Mrs. McKenzie noted that the middle of December has been tentatively set as the cutoff date for the swine flu inoculations, but with the flu season already underway it is advisable to receive the vaccination as soon as possible.



Jimmy Carter



Jim Hunt

City Council Says Mobile Office Stays

Three out of 18 people who signed a petition requesting the removal of a mobile office from the city limits turned out for Monday night's city council meeting.

The petitioners were told that their efforts could not remove the trailer as owner Bernard Bray had received prior permission from the Board of Adjustments to move the office onto the lot. According to Robert Drumwright, city manager, the board is an interpretative body and city ordinance only specifically forbids mobile homes from being parked outside of trailer parks inside the city limits. Mobile offices were not expressly forbidden, the board gave Bray permission to bring his trailer inside the city. Drumwright also added that the city council does not review board decisions.

In other council business, Drumwright said that the state had asked the city to concur on a speed zone reduction on U.S. 401 from W. Edinborough Ave. to College Drive. The city in turn asked that the proposed 45 MPH zone be extended from Edinborough to the intersection near St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. The Department of Transportation will answer the request at the next council meeting.

Mrs. Cliff McMillan requested that a street light be put in on Stewart St. The council approved the request.

Alfred Leach submitted a rezoning request calling for the area from N.C. 211 South to 211-bypass, adjacent to the Masonic Lodge, from R-8 residential to C-2

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Townsend, McNair On School Board

Hoke County residents overwhelmingly chose Jimmy Carter as their next president 3-1 over Gerald Ford and gubernatorial candidate Jim Hunt carried the county by a wide margin Tuesday in a heavy turnout of voters.

Democrats Danny DeVane and Neil W. McPhatter defeated two Republican opponents to capture seats on the Hoke County Board of Commissioners while Mina Townsend and Ruth McNair unseated longtime incumbents D.R. Huff Jr. and A. Wilton Wood Jr. to become the first women ever elected to the Hoke County Board of Education.

Helped by perfect weather Tuesday, voters among the county's 13 precincts turned out early and in large numbers. Over 4,000 cast ballots, making the turnout better than 60 per cent.

Carter polled 3,186 to Ford's 920 showing while Hunt drew 3,472 votes when the last precinct reported here early Wednesday morning unofficial returns. Republican gubernatorial candidate David Flaherty trailed Hunt with 566 votes.

American Party candidate Anderson drew four votes, Labor candidate LaRouche three and Libertarian candidate MacBride five in the presidential balloting. On the gubernatorial side, American candidate Seawell picked up 31 votes and Labor candidate Andrews drew four.

Rep. Charlie Rose, 7th Congressional District, handily won over GOP opponent Mike Vaughn for a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives and led the Democratic vote in Hoke County with 3,739.

Democrat Della Maynor, running unopposed for the Register of Deeds, polled 3,136 votes to become the first Indian and first woman elected to that office here.

Bobby Strother, running unopposed for another term as soil and water conservation supervisor, drew 1,440 votes.

In the non-partisan school board race, Townsend, a former schoolteacher making her second try for a seat, led the balloting with 1,417 votes. McNair, nursing supervisor at McCain Hospital, followed with 1,384 votes and became the first black ever elected to the board. Robert Gatlin ran third with 1,344 and Huff finished fourth with 1,288. Wood and Catherine (Kay) McN. Thomas trailed with 962 and 702 votes respectively.

GOP candidates for county commissioners Julian H. (Buddy) Blue Jr. and Edward (Ed) McClendon polled 814 and 325 votes respectively.

Complete returns for all 13 precincts are listed elsewhere. The winners of the county offices will take their seats in December.

County Asked To Pay Half Of Oil Dump Goof At Library

County commissioners heard a request for approximately \$2,000 to cover half the cost of 10,000 gallons of fuel oil dumped into the city sewer system in a goof last month but postponed a decision on forking over any money until the next meeting Nov. 15.

The request came Monday at commissioners' regular meeting from Randall Ashburn, manager of Raeford Oil Co., the firm which mistakenly dumped the number two fuel oil down a sewer cleanout hole at the new library building Sept. 27. Ashburn asked for \$2,069 to cover half the actual cost of the lost oil.

"We don't feel it's entirely Raeford Oil Company's fault and we would ask that this be considered on a 50-50 basis," Ashburn told the board. "I know its sounds crazy for us to be putting that much in, but nowadays people are putting in larger tanks. We do have customers with tanks that large".

Ashburn explained that the company driver asked directions in the county office on the location of the two tanks at the library site before starting any dumping, and that one of the two fuel oil caps was overgrown with grass and obscured. Jack Ellis, county engineer, argued against reimbursing the company, however.

"In my opinion, we're not responsible. The fuel oil cap is different, the heating code requires a locking-type cap. The driver should have caught it," Ellis countered.

Ashburn said that the company not only took a complete loss on the fuel oil, but went to additional expense in cleanup efforts after the oil reached Rockfish Creek.

Commissioners agreed to delay any decision on Ashburn's request until the next meeting after commissioner John Balfour said he wanted to view the sewer and fuel oil caps at the site first.

HUD Action

In other business Monday, the board learned that plans to pay the Department of Natural and Economic Resources out of Community

Development Act funds for contracting housing rehabilitation would have to be revised.

County planner L.G. Simpson said he was notified by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials that HUD regulations prohibited using \$9,000 of the actual grant money to pay NER for their costs in overseeing the rehabilitation of substandard

houses here, one of three projects to serve low-income neighborhoods approved earlier by HUD. Simpson said he had written HUD with a proposal to pay NER its fee out of money earmarked in the community development budget for the salary of planner, since Simpson is switching jobs to tax listing super-

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Hoke Man Killed

A Hoke native was killed Saturday in a one - car accident in Moore County.

Joe Allen Monroe, 27, of Southern Pines, died following a 3:55 A.M. wreck on N.C. 5. According to the Highway Patrol, Monroe's car went out of control after hitting a railroad crossing at a high rate of speed and left the road and overturned.

State Highway Patrol Trooper

W.D. Waters said there were indications the car was traveling at an excessive rate of speed.

Monroe, a home furnishings salesman, was pinned inside the car while a passenger, Gerard N. Fagin, of Newton, Mass., was thrown clear.

Fagin was admitted to Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst

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	Absentee	Allendale	Antioch	Blue Springs	Buchan	McCaIn	Puppy Creek	Raeford No. 1	Raeford No. 2	Raeford No. 3	Raeford No. 4	Raeford No. 5	Rockfish	Stonewall	TOTAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION															
GATLIN	40	24	68	70	39	61	108	225	216	79	239	30	52	93	1344
HUFF	19	21	82	60	77	163	75	209	176	78	165	24	44	95	1288
McNAIR	12	81	99	164	56	69	84	164	32	93	61	382	31	56	1384
THOMAS	19	17	69	27	30	20	54	106	107	35	98	15	52	53	702
TOWNSEND	24	12	100	89	41	65	94	251	221	93	179	65	81	102	1412
WOOD	14	20	74	59	29	63	81	169	102	67	123	9	79	73	962
SOIL & WATER CONS. SUPERVISOR															
STROTHER	46	38	59	77	74	86	107	193	217	72	152	161	68	90	1440
STATE SENATOR															
BRITT	61	91	287	280	125	199	235	496	381	212	390	302	130	224	3323
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES															
JOHNSON	58	100	229	254	132	210	228	485	362	208	374	407	126	216	3409
LOCKLEAR	57	89	285	283	123	192	214	468	345	197	367	225	123	202	3090
PARNELL	61	88	287	231	126	194	222	487	379	205	392	223	136	223	3214
COUNTY COMMISSIONER															
DeVANE (D)	56	86	241	236	113	185	223	495	362	216	375	248	127	217	3180
McPHATTER (D)	47	106	287	256	124	194	211	458	383	198	293	419	116	201	3153
BLUE (R)	19	3	13	23	36	58	55	187	162	39	154	3	61	41	814
McCLENDON (R)	9	2	5	9	33	30	31	37	34	30	45	1	44	15	325
REGISTER OF DEEDS															
MAYNOR	56	96	258	259	126	207	231	486	101	214	363	396	126	217	3136