

## Around Town

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As this is being written Tuesday morning, May 30 my ballot is in the box and all I can do now is await the returns tonight. It matters not who wins or loses; I know that my vote is something no one can take away from me. If the elected official does wrong, then I feel that Sam Morris can cuss and discuss his actions with anyone.

Did you vote? You have very few things left you can do without the government telling you how, so if we don't exercise this one, we may wake up one day and find it gone. Then only death remains.

When did you celebrate Memorial Day? It comes on May 30 but it is changed around now to fit the pattern of a long weekend. Every holiday has been changed to Monday except Christmas, Thanksgiving and Independence Day.

We hate to mention it, because it could happen, but if everyone's birthday was moved to Monday, it could mean another long weekend.

Of course some of us don't take every holiday and so it is hard for us to keep up with, when certain days are being observed.

The old saying of "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", could be changed this day and time to "All play and no work leaves too much time to get in trouble".

Lacy Hair, who was one of the Judges that won nomination in the first primary for our district was by the office last week and said that he had been appointed to fill out the term of Judge George Stuhl who retired.

Lacy said he would be sworn in Thursday morning, June 1 by Judge Maurice Braswell at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Fayetteville. This appointment should help the other judges in the district court, and with vacation time just around the corner, it will help solve that problem.

As most of you know, Judge Hair has no opposition in the November general election.

Last Saturday this writer went by the Raeford Post Office and wanted to pick up some 2-cent stamps to go with the 13-cent stamps that would be left over and could be used to mail a letter this week. Acting Postmaster Billy Monroe waited on me and informed me that they had sold out of 2-cent stamps, but that he was looking for some in the mail.

Now Billy opened the door and I told him the price of stamps would go up again before the ones he wanted arrived by mail. Of course the reason this was said was because it took over a week for a letter to come from Fayetteville to Raeford the week before.

He didn't make any comment, just looked at me. We started talking about something else and I left in a few minutes to try and find a box for the postmaster.

On my return to the office he said he had found some 2-cent stamps so my problem was solved for the next week or so.

On relating this story to the publisher, he was telling me about the millions of 16-cent stamps that the post office department had printed up and since the price was raised to 15 cents they didn't know what to do with them.

The publisher said he heard or read where if it was a private business and was concerned about saving money, they would sell the 16-cent stamp for 15 cents until they were used up.

Now this sounds like a solution to all those stamps, but after thinking about it for a while, I believe that would cost more money than destroying the stamps and printing new stamps.

If someone came in the post office and asked for a 16 cent stamp, then what would the clerk charge them? Of course the way things are in the postal department these days, it would run into overtime before an answer to this situation could be straightened out. It might even detail a meeting of the board and this would almost cause another slice of taxpayers' money.

So you see this could become more serious than you think, so just destroy the stamps and get new ones before the price increases again.

The graduation section which appears every year in *The News-Journal* will be published next week.

# Hoke Vote Lightest In Memory



HOKE HEALTH FAIR - Hoke County Rescue Squad Member David Webb explains equipment to students at the first annual Hoke County Health Fair, held in the armory here last Wednesday. Hundreds of local school children, as well as other interested people, attended the fair. In all, 18 local agencies participated, filling the armory with exhibits.

## Mini Bike Director Named

A project director has been named for the mini bike alternative program that will be implemented here soon, Bill Altman, secretary of the local National Youth Projects Using Mini Bikes (NYPUM) said.

Conrad Hollingsworth, a Hoke County man, was named to the part-time position. Hollingsworth will provide counseling and teach the youths involved in the program how to care for and use the mini bikes. He said he recently attended a workshop in Charlotte designed to orient the project director to the program.

"We are still trying to get the program together," he said.

The mini bikes have not arrived yet, although delivery is expected around the first of July. Hollingsworth said they hope to use the fairgrounds as a place to store and use the bikes, but that plan has not been approved yet.

"About ten kids will be involved in the program initially," Altman said. The program can handle a maximum of 29 kids.

Three years ago, the N.C. General Assembly passed a law requiring that status offenders--

young people charged with crimes that an adult would not be charged with, such as truancy or running away from home--be placed in community-based alternative programs rather than in one of the state's five training schools. Due to lack of funding, implementation of the law was postponed until July 1 of this year.

The NYPUM program here initially met with adverse reaction. "The people just don't have a knowledge of the purpose of the program," Altman said.

The program is to provide counseling for and teach responsibility to children who may be headed for serious trouble. Along with the fun of riding the mini bike, they will be counseled and taught how to care for the machines.

Candidates for the program will be referred by David Kellum, juvenile court counselor. He will choose status offenders whom he feels may be diverted from more trouble later through immediate counseling.

The law says that by July 1, communities must have an alternative program, and with the \$5300 budget the county had to work with, the mini bike program was about the only one Hoke County could afford, Altman explained.

"All of the funds come from the state--there is no federal funding involved," Altman said. "The state is trying to obtain some federal funds, but until it does, Hoke will only

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## Plans Underway For Halfway House For Women Alcoholics

An organization representing five counties in this area, including Hoke, is currently working to establish a halfway

house for women alcoholics.

Lyda Soles of Raeford has been elected chairman of the group, called RAHMM, Inc., which stands for Richmond, Anson, Hoke, Moore and Montgomery counties. She said some Hoke County people will be asked to serve on the group's board of directors in the next few weeks.

The organization was started by interested women who are female alcoholic counselors in Moore County, she explained.

"Women are becoming more open about the problem," said Mrs. Soles. "There's a great demand in this area for this kind of facility. It would be a place where women could stay a few weeks or months until they feel relaxed enough to return to society."

A similar house, called Bethesda, is treating male alcoholics in Aberdeen.

"When you bring a person into a halfway house, you put structure back into his life," said Gurney Baines, director of Bethesda. "Structure is usually missing from their lives and hopefully when it's added again, the incentive to achieve responsibility comes back."

Bethesda has increased from a maximum of eight to 18 residents in the past five years.

"Our residents are strongly encouraged to attend both individual and group counseling, along with religious counseling," said Baines. "They are

## Burlington Announces Pay Raises

Burlington Industries this week announced upward wage adjustments for its production employees, effective July 17, and the addition of another paid holiday to the employee benefit package. The wage and benefit increase will affect some 47,000 production employees at operations in 10 states.

Employees will be notified of their individual rate of increase, which will vary to some degree among the company's 20 manufacturing divisions.

The last general increase for Burlington employees was in June, 1977.

## Slain Man's Car Found In County

The charred remains of a 1969 Ford belonging to Glenn Currie Gibson, a Hoke County man found slain in South Carolina about three weeks ago, has been recovered in Hoke County, Sheriff Dave Barrington said Tuesday.

The car had been set afire but did not burn completely, Barrington said. From evidence around the site, Barrington determined that the car had been placed there since the last rain. The engine and tags were missing.

The car was located by a Hoke County farmer May 26 in the lower end of the county in a wooded area, the sheriff said.

Gibson was found dead near Dillon, S.C. earlier this month. He reportedly left on a fishing trip March 30, and Sheriff Barrington said he had not been reported missing. Gibson was supposedly seen in the Raeford area as recently as April 23.

The investigation into his death is continuing. The results of an autopsy have not yet been released.

also encouraged to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings both in the center and in other locations."

The Aberdeen center is funded by federal matching grants, private donations and ABC revenue from the Moore County Commissioners. The Sandhills Mental Health Center also adds money for services rendered in referrals.

Mrs. Soles said the halfway house for women would be based on essentially the same idea.

"It would be a home-like setting for women who need a little more treatment but not hospitalization," she said.

A committee met last week with officials of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Cardinal Health Agency, and Mrs. Soles said those agencies were very encouraging.

"We hope to get state and federal funds for the project," she said. "HEW is primarily interested this year in programs that help children and females. Officials are going to send us forms so we can apply for funds."

The group is asking for local contributions, too. Mrs. Soles said a site committee will be elected soon to determine where the halfway house should be located. The group wants to rent a house at first and perhaps

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In spite of fair weather, less than 15 percent of Hoke County's registered Democrats went to the polls in Tuesday's runoff election, making it the lightest turnout in memory, according to local political observers.

Fewer than 850 voters cast ballots here in the election, and the returns were in by 8:30 Tuesday night. The turnout was in marked contrast to the May 2 Democratic primary, when over 50 percent of the electorate voted.

The outcome in Hoke County was exactly opposite of the final results of the election.

In the 21st District of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties, unofficial returns gave the victory to incumbent Horace Locklear by a margin of 383 votes over William Gay for a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives.

Hoke County Democrats voted 2-to-1 for Gay. The total here was: Gay--563; Locklear--266.

The two candidates ran relatively quiet campaigns, using little advertising. David Parnell and Robert Davis won two other House seats outright May 2.

N.C. Insurance Commissioner John Ingram pulled a major upset in defeating Charlotte businessman Luther Hodges for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate. State-wide unofficial returns Tuesday night gave Ingram 53.9 percent of the vote. He will face incumbent Republican Jesse Helms in next November's general election.

With 95 percent of the precincts reporting Tuesday night, Ingram had 232,709 votes to Hodges' 196,042.

Ingram overcame a deficit of 10 percentage points to take the election, becoming the first candidate in 60 years to come from so far behind to take a major state-wide race.

In Hoke County, Hodges won by 439 to Ingram's 407.

Some political observers said they felt the issue of Hodges' campaign financing may have hurt him. Hodges came under attack by Ingram because of some \$400,000 in loans his campaign had taken.

"How can a man who is unemployed borrow \$400,000 if he doesn't have bank connections?" Ingram asked repeatedly during the campaign.

Ingram contended that Hodges was attempting to "buy" the election and would represent banking interest if elected to the Senate. Hodges resigned as chairman of the board of North Carolina National Bank (NCNB) to run for the Senate.

Other observers noted that Democrats who support Helms may have voted for Ingram to assure a definite contrast between the candidates in next November's election. Both Helms and Hodges are considered to be considerably more conservative than Ingram.

In Hoke County, the returns were as follows:

U. S. Senate	H.	I.
absentee	4	
Allendale	23	6
Antioch	21	19
Blue Springs	28	28
Buchan	8	16
McCain	33	39
Puppy Creek	32	16
Raeford 1	56	57
Raeford 2	99	48
Raeford 3	17	35
Raeford 4	53	73
Raeford 5	24	19
Rockfish	9	22
Stonewall	32	29
TOTAL	439	407
N.C. House	G.	L.
absentee	4	
Allendale	11	18
Antioch	24	13

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