

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

It doesn't take very long to turn the clock back one hour, but to get accustomed to it, is something else. Instead of waking up at 5:30 in the morning it is now 4:30. So, it is stay in bed for an hour until I become a Standard time person again.

The cool weather is fine, but the heater is running too much to be good for the pocketbook. As this is being written on Tuesday morning, October 31, the rain situation is about the same as it was last week, less than two inches in two months. Things are dry, so be careful when you are in the woods, because a forest fire could get out of control before you would know it.

On Thursday, November 2 the Inghathering will be held at Bethel Church. The bill of fare will be barbecue and chicken salad. The feeding will start at 11 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. So mark it on your calendar to be at Bethel Church Thursday for a good meal and also to join in the fellowship with these good people.

How do you get a crowd of people to come to Raeford on Friday afternoon? One way is to get several floats and a band. The Homecoming Parade last Friday afternoon was well attended. The streets were lined on both sides and it seemed that everyone at the parade had driven a car and placed it in one of the parking lots.

With all the people and cars, everything worked out smooth and from the latest reports everyone got back home without an accident.

Another way to get a crowd on Main Street is to have a fire in the afternoon in the old Hotel Building. Monday when the firemen were fighting the fire in the building the streets were lined with spectators and with the street blocked by the fire trucks, the traffic backed up for a few minutes. This shows you how much traffic is in the town, and it is more than you think.

Anyway the police and firemen did a superior job on Monday afternoon.

If you haven't noticed, work has begun on the new Bank of Raeford building on S. Main Street. Gene Carter was telling me Monday that the steel has arrived for the vault and everything is moving along on schedule. If this weather continues as it has been for the past two months, the work should run ahead of schedule.

The addition of this building should really start a drive to clean up this part of town.

Now that the lumber yard has been moved from the center of town, something should be started to beautify the other side of the street.

Think about it!

The Hoke High Bucks didn't let the Homecoming crowd down last Friday night. They defeated Bowman of Wadesboro by a score of 28-0. This brought the season record to 7 - 2 and is the best for a local team in a number of years. A win at Laurinburg Friday night will put them in the state playoffs. Cross your fingers and pull for a victory.

Don't forget that the general election is next Tuesday, November 7. The clerk of the Board of Elections brought sample ballots by the office last Friday and the number of ballots surprised me.

When you go to the polls, the registrar will give you six ballots. That is correct, SIX. Of course many on the ballot don't have opposition, but they must be placed before the people to be voted on.

There are some important races, make it your duty to go to the polls and vote. If you don't VOTE, you are letting someone else run the country for you. So mark your calendar now and vote.

The News-Journal will once again tabulate the votes on election (See AROUND TOWN, Page 15)

Local Political Races In Full Swing; Many Candidates Have No Opposition

Symphony Concert Set For Saturday

Associate Conductor James Ogle has announced the program for the Saturday, November 4, concert by the North Carolina Symphony Chamber Orchestra in Raeford.

The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Hoke County High School Gymnasium.

Pat Banko and Jan Gayer Hall, violinists with the symphony are soloists for the Raeford concert, will perform "Concertino in C Major for Two Violins, Strings and Cembalo" by Antonio Vivaldi.

Other works to be performed by the orchestra are "Overture: The Creatures of Prometheus" by Beethoven, "Symphony No. 88 in G Major" by Haydn and "Emperor Waltz, Op. 437" by Johann Strauss, II.

Pat Banko, now in her fourth year with the symphony, is a native of California. She earned her bachelor's and master's degree at the University of California at Santa Barbara and has been a

member of the Santa Barbara Symphony and the San Luis Obispo Symphony. She has performed with the Durham Chamber Music Guild and other chamber groups.

Jan Hall is from Washington, D.C., and is currently in her fifth year with the symphony. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's from Wichita State University. She is also a member of a string quartet in Raleigh.

Membership tickets for the Raeford concert at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students will be available at the door. Memberships also entitle the purchaser to attend any regular season concert in the state at a 50 percent discount of the single admission price.

Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr. of Raeford is president of the Hoke County Chapter of the symphony which sponsors the adult and educational concerts in the county each year.

Official Ballot For United States Senator and Member of Congress (SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT)

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE

- a. To vote for all candidates of one party (a straight ticket), make a cross mark in the circle of the party for whose candidates you wish to vote.
- b. To vote for candidates of more than one party (a split ticket), do not mark in any party circle, but make a cross mark in the square opposite the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote.
- c. If you should instead mark mark in one of the party circles at the top of the ballot and also mark in the voting square opposite the name of any candidate of any party, your ballot will be counted as a straight ticket vote for all the candidates of the party whose circle you marked.
- d. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

DEMOCRATIC
FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET

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MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
 JOHN INGRAM

FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS
Seventh Congressional District
 CHARLES ROSE

REPUBLICAN
FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET

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MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
 JESSE HELMS

FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS
Seventh Congressional District
 RAYMOND C. (Ray) SCHRUMP

General Election November 7, 1978
State of North Carolina

Chairman, State Board of Elections

Political races are in full swing here as candidates enter the last week of campaigning before the November 7 general election.

Local offices up for election include the offices of sheriff, county coroner, clerk of court and three county commission seats.

Also to be elected next week are two soil and water conservation supervisors and three seats on the board of education both non-partisan races.

Incumbent Sheriff Dave Barrington and Clerk of Court Juanita Edmund as well as county commission candidates John Balfour, James Albert Hunt and Mabel M. Riley and County Coroner G. Franklin Crumpler have no Republican opposition and are virtually assured of winning their races.

School Board

Election of the members of the board of education is a non-partisan race, therefore those candidates did not appear on the ballot in the May primary.

Eight candidates are vying for three positions, with only one incumbent, Dr. Riley Jordan, seeking re-election.

Richard Coker

Richard Coker is married to the former Sara Gullede, daughter of Jesse and Rosa Gullede. The Cokers have two daughters: Rebecca, a 1977 Hoke High graduate, and Sara Mitchell, a sophomore at Hoke High.

Coker is a retired Army Lt. Col. and is currently teaching in the business education department at Fayetteville Technical Institute. He holds a B.S. degree in textile manufacturing from Clemson University and a master's degree in business administration from Syracuse University. He is making his first bid for political office.

He says he is running for the school board because he is involved with education and is dedicated to the public school system. Bringing harmony and justice to the school system are his major goals.

Elias Rogers

Rogers, a paint contractor of Rt. 1, Red Springs, will be making his first bid for a seat on the school board. He previously ran for county commissioner. He has lived in Hoke County for the past 13 years, and he and his wife have one daughter.

Rogers is a member of the board of the Lumbee River Electric Corporation and a member of the N.C. Electric Membership Corporation.

Rogers said he is seeking a seat on the board because he wants to be part of the decision making process.

"I would improve education, because a good education is essential in succeeding in life," Rogers said recently.

Bill Cameron

Also seeking a seat on the board is Bill Cameron, a 35-year-old Hoke County farmer. Cameron is a member of the Raeford Presbyterian Church where he serves as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. He is married and has two children.

Cameron said he was interested in education and has a desire for the improvement of the school system. He believes that more unity and harmony is needed in the schools.

Stephen Benkosky

Benkosky is also making a bid for a seat on the board. This is his first bid for public office. Benkosky lives at Rt. 2, 118 Ruby St., Raeford. He is married and has one stepson who is a professor at Appalachian State University.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Hoke County Adult Education Advisory Committee of Sandhills Community College. He is also a member of the Community Development Committee and the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

His goals as a school board member include improving the overall school system. Some of the programs that involve federal funding should be refused, he said.

Riley Jordan

Dr. Riley Jordan is the only incumbent seeking a seat on the board. Board chairman R.L. Gibson and W.L. Howell are not running for re-election.

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Happy Hobby Harvest Day
Nov. 8

Social Services Board Says County Didn't Go Far Enough

Although they don't think the county board of commissioners went far enough, members of the Hoke County Board of Social

Services said this week they are encouraged by the personnel policy adopted by the county board at its last meeting.

The personnel policy was adopted in the wake of resignations by two Social Services employees who decided to take jobs in other counties after questions over job benefits here arose. Both were transfer employees with prior experience in other county governments, and Hoke County had no policy dealing specifically with transfers.

Members of the Social Services Board and department director Ben Niblock argued with the county commission that a lack of policy governing transfers could hurt recruitment. Also, they said the county ought to make some distinction between a brand new worker and one with prior experience in another county.

County Commission Chairman John Balfour appointed a committee of his fellow commissioners to work with County Manager James Martin on policy recommendations to the board. The recommendations were approved at the October 16 meeting.

New Policy

According to the policy, no credit will be allowed for experience in other units of government in determining the manner of accumulation of annual vacation leave here. Also, each employee with less

than five years service will earn vacation leave at the rate of 10 days per year.

One of the reasons the two Social Services workers quit was because they had been getting 15 days leave in other counties but learned they would only get five days here since they were new workers.

The new policy adopted by the board states that "vacation leave earned in another unit of government will not be accepted for transfer to Hoke County." What is meant is, if a transfer employee has any unused vacation time accumulated in another county, he cannot bring it with him to Hoke. He must either get his former employer to pay him for the unused time or lose it altogether.

"Sick leave earned in another unit of government may be accepted for transfer to Hoke County for retirement purposes only, with the approval of the County Manager," the new policy states. "An employee transferring sick leave to Hoke County under this provision may in no way use or receive pay for this sick leave credit."

Reaction

"They raised the vacation time from five to 10 days, and that's a decided improvement," Niblock said of the new policy. "They are also allowing transfer employees to retain sick leave for retirement" (See SOCIAL SERVICES, Page 14)

Local Child Killed In Traffic Accident

A Hoke County first-grader was killed last Thursday morning when she ran into the path of a car while waiting at a school bus stop near her home.

Elisha Carol Cooper, 6, of Rt. 1, Box 121-C, Raeford, was pronounced dead at the scene by Hoke County Medical Examiner Dr. Riley Jordan.

Willie McLean Graham, 30, of Rt. 4, Box 39, Raeford, was traveling in the southbound lane when the child, who had apparently been waiting with a sister for a school bus, attempted to cross the roadway. Due to heavy fog and poor visibility the driver was unable to see the child until just before the impact, according to Trooper R.V. Lee, the investigating officer.

The child collided with the side of the vehicle on U.S. 501 near Bowmore community at about 7:15 a.m.

Lee said that the driver was not in any violation that can be determined and no charges have been filed. The accident marked the ninth traffic fatality this year in Hoke County.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday in the Youth for Christ Church in Maxton. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper; three sisters, Misses Jowana, Lawana and Shirlene Cooper, all of the home; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Burris Cooper of Marston; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Oxendine of Red Springs; and her paternal great-grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. W.T. Lowrie of Laurinburg.

Other Accidents

Troopers investigated several other traffic accidents over the weekend.

Two tractor-trailer rigs carrying creosote poles collided about 7:15 a.m. Friday after a quarter horse ran into the roadway and collided with one of the vehicles, according to Trooper Joe Stanley.

The rigs, driven by Charles Seagroves of Sanford and Paul Royce of Lake City, Fla., were traveling in opposite directions when the horse ran into the road. Stanley said. One rig struck the horse causing the wheels to col-

lapse, and, in turn, crash into the second rig.

Damage was estimated at \$70,000.

Seagroves received minor injuries, and the horse, valued at \$1,000, was killed.

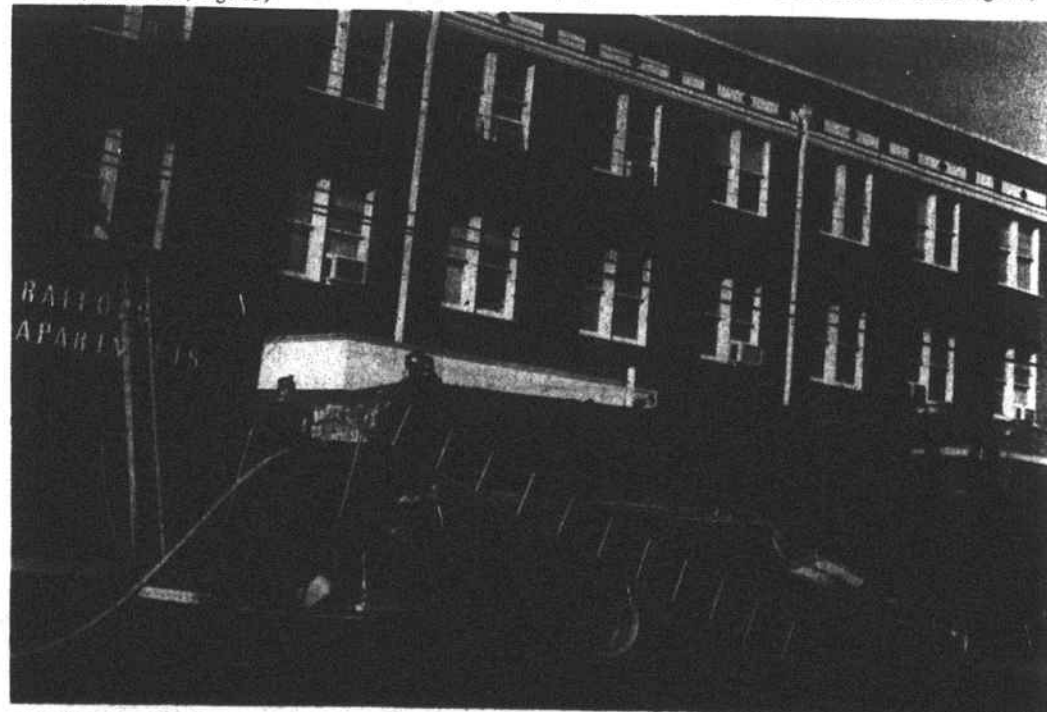
A Fayetteville woman was involved in a collision Friday afternoon when she pulled onto the shoulder of the road to turn around and pulled into the path of a car that was traveling behind her.

Vera Thompson, Fayetteville, was struck by a 1976 Chevrolet driven by David Gillis on Highway 401 near Wayside community.

She was charged with unsafe movement, and total damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$800, Stanley said.

Also on Friday at about 12:10 p.m., Pricilla Gail McCormick, Red Springs, was struck in the rear of her vehicle by a vehicle driven by Lilly Holt, 401 Business, Raeford.

Holt had slowed to make a left (See CHILD, Page 15)



APARTMENT FIRE -- Fire broke out at Raeford Apartments on the corner of Main and Central Avenue Monday afternoon. While no one was injured, damage to one of the apartments was said to be extensive.