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Crumpler Kiwanis Lieutenant-governor

Gordan Franklin (Frank) Crumpler, president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, was elected 1979-80 lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis District Four Thursday night at Buie's Creek during the annual district meeting.

This also means he will become district governor for 1980-81 automatically.

Crumpler will succeed as lieutenant-governor Graham Creech of the Fayetteville club in October when the officers for the new year are installed. Creech will take office as district governor.

District Four is composed of clubs in Angier, Cumberland County, Dunn, Fairmont, Laurinburg, Lillington, Lumberton, Pembroke, the Southern Pines area, Red Springs, Rockingham and Sanford.

Crumpler is the fourth member of the Raeford club to have been elected district lieutenant-governor. The others are Clyde Upchurch, Tommy Upchurch, Bob Lewis, and J.B. Thomas.

Crumpler is owner and manager of Crumpler Funeral Home, which he opened in Raeford in 1960, and owner of Crumpler Funeral Service of Parkton, which he opened this year.

He has been serving since 1960 as Hoke County coroner. He was reelected last November to a new four-year term.

He has served as Hoke County chairman of the New March of Dimes and the American Cancer Society.

Crumpler is a member of First Baptist Church of Raeford and has served on the church board of deacons and taught Sunday school. He is a Mason and a member of the Cumberland County Shrine

Club, the Woodmen of the World, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Crumpler also is a member of the Raeford Fire Department.

He is married and has three children.

Crumpler was born in Sampson County and is a graduate of Clinton High School and the Cincinnati College of Embalming. He served his traineeship at Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home in Fayetteville and became a licensed mortician in 1956.

He also has completed the University of North Carolina course in emergency transportation of the injured and a course in sterile enucleation at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem.

Before opening the Raeford funeral home, he worked with Marks Funeral Home in Rockingham and Royal Funeral Home in Clinton.



Frank Crumpler

Bond Financing Plans Announced By Burlington Industries

Burlington Industries has announced plans to develop with state industrial development agencies and local governments the use of industrial revenue bond financing for portions of its future capital spending programs.

Donald R. Hughes, corporate executive vice president, said, "The company is now proceeding to institute industrial revenue bond filings in the counties or cities where we presently have plans to spend as much as \$1 million over the next 12 to 18 months. These filings will include the majority of the counties and cities where Burlington plants are located."

Burlington will follow this method of financing of major capital projects in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee.

"Such borrowing and the repayment of funds is completely guaranteed by the company and imposes no liability nor obligation on the part of the city or county authority, nor the taxpayers within these geographical locations," Hughes said. "The city or county merely serves as a vehicle by which this type of financing can be carried out."

"We think that this type of cooperative financing is representative of the effort by government and business to preserve existing jobs and provide new employment for facilities which are being expanded. We have used this type of financing on previous occasions and its availability is always a consideration as we develop our capital spending programs."

One Dissenting Vote Cast On Motion

Board Awards Henleys County Ambulance Contract

A five-year contract to provide Hoke County with ambulance service was awarded Thursday morning to Jim and Linda Henley of Raeford by the Board of Hoke County Commissioners.

Under the general terms of the contract, the service will be provided for a subsidy paid by the county of \$50,000 a year; and adjustments to the amount of the subsidy would be determined each year after the first year by the national Consumer Price Index. The basic rates charged for the

service will be \$35 minimum, for transportation of patients within a mile of the city limits, and the minimum and \$1 per mile for carrying patients beyond a mile from the city limits.

Henley told the commissioners they will have three ambulances in the county, including one new one which he and his wife are acquiring. One of three will be held in reserve for use if one of the others develops mechanical trouble, he said.

The majority of the commis-



FATALITY -- A traffic accident Tuesday morning involving a tractor-trailer and a car resulted in the fourth traffic fatality of the year. Edgar Granvil Burchett, 18, died a few hours after the accident. This picture shows the wreckage following the collision at a Dundarrach intersection. Burchett was driving the car when the accident happened, the State Highway Patrol reported.

Dundarrach Crash Fatal To Youth

A Hoke County youth died Tuesday morning only a few hours after the car he was driving was struck by a tractor-trailer on N.C. 20 about five miles east of Raeford.

The State Highway Patrol reported Edgar Granvil Burchett, 18, of Rt. 1 Box 284, Shannon, apparently failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of N.C. 20 and State Road 1105 in Dundarrach.

The truck's driver, Jonnie Mitchell Patterson of Rocky Mount, N.C., tried to turn his vehicle to the right in an effort to avoid a collision when the Burchett car was pulled into the path of the truck, State Trooper R.V. Lee, the investigating officer, said.

The truck struck Burchett's car in its passenger side, and the impact pushed the car against a stop sign in the roadway, then into a power pole on the south shoulder

of the state road, in the parking lot of a grain company, the officer said.

The collision snapped the pole. Burchett was taken by the Hoke County Ambulance Service to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. He died at about 11:15 a.m. Lee said the accident happened at about 8:30 a.m.

The truck's driver and his passenger, John I. Baker, also of Rocky Mount, were not injured in the collision, he said.

The officer said the damages to the car, a 1974 Plymouth, and to the truck he estimated at a total of about \$3,000, and to the stop sign, utility pole and a transformer, about \$350.

Carolina Power & Light Co. employees were at the scene to handle the damaged power equip-

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Friendly Lunch Date Ends Up In Court

James D. McAllister may have thought he was carrying friendship a bit too far when he was charged with contempt of court for having lunch with a friend last Friday.

McAllister, who was a juror in last week's session of superior court, stopped at a local restaurant for lunch. He ran into his friend, Nelson Tyler, who had also been in court, but on the opposite side of the fence from McAllister. Tyler was there to answer a charge of drunk driving, second offense. It just happened that McAllister sat on the jury for Tyler's case.

But, while the incident might have gone unnoticed, it just so happened that Judge D. Marsh McLelland, who was on the bench last week, and his wife, were having lunch with local attorney (and attorney for Tyler) Phil Diehl and prosecuting attorney Jean Powell.

Diehl said the judge's wife spotted Tyler sitting across from them in the restaurant and commented that she recognized him from court. She also said that the other man looked familiar to her, Diehl said.

By the time court was resumed, Judge McLelland had determined that McAllister was, in fact, a juror in the Tyler case, declared a mis-trial and cited both men for contempt of court. They were to answer the contempt charge Wednesday afternoon before Judge McLelland.

Tyler will face a second drunk-driving charge in court this week, and the case was tried last Friday will probably be re-scheduled, a source in the courthouse said.

Diehl said that Friday hadn't been a very good day, anyway.

The local Board of Education apparently violated the law last week when it reversed a decision on granting tenure to a Turlington School teacher.

Ethylene Baker, a third-grade teacher, was granted tenure in the April 9 meeting. In an April 23 meeting, the board rescinded the action that granted tenure, and, in a separate motion, made by Bill Cameron and seconded by Ruth McNair, voted not to grant tenure.

According to the law that refers to principals' and teachers' contracts, a board cannot rescind action on a teacher who has been tenured for the beginning of the following school term if the teacher has been notified that tenure was granted.

"Mr. Autry brought a letter to the school April 10," Ms. Baker said. She said the letter explained that the board had voted to tenure her for the upcoming school year.

Following the board's action April 23, Ms. Baker said she learned of the board's decision to deny tenure after a friend read the account of the board meeting in *The News-Journal*. She said last Thursday that she had a slip in her mailbox notifying her that a registered letter was at the post office for her, and she thought perhaps that letter would inform her of the board's decision to revoke tenure.

When asked if she intended to take any action against the board considering its recent decision, she said she had no comment to make. She said it would be known when she made a move, and that she "intended to use the news media."

The tenure law that affects Ms. Baker's situation reads, "If the board votes to re-employ the teacher and thus grant career status at the beginning of the next school year, and if it has notified him of this decision, it may not later rescind that action but must proceed under the provisions of the section for the demotion or discharge of a teacher if it decides to terminate his employment."

All new teachers are considered to be on probationary status for the first three-year period of their teaching career, and at the end of three years, the teacher may be tenured or dismissed.

The board may also dismiss any non-tenured teacher for any reason during the first three years.

If action is not taken on the question of tenure at the end of

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Jobless Decrease Reported

Unemployment in Hoke County declined in March from a figure of 9.5 percent to 9.1 percent, according to figures released by the State Employment Security Commission.

Statewide, unemployment stood at 4.8 percent, a decrease of .2 of a percent from March. Nationally, unemployment decreased from 6.4 percent to 6.1 percent, the figures said.

Unemployment here was at 12.1 percent last March; therefore, this year's figure represents an appreciable decrease from last March's rate.

Employment traditionally increases here beginning in the spring of the year as seasonal workers return to farm work and the local growing season begins.

Last week in this column was an item about the county convention of the Democratic party. The date in the item was wrong and should have read Saturday, May 19 at noon.

So change the date on your calendar to Saturday, May 19 at noon in the courthouse.

The following letter was received this week.

Dear Sam:

The Woman's Club again needs help in planning for some special Hoke County children to go to camp this summer. Last year 32 children were sent to Camp Monroe for one week through generous contributions from Hoke County People. The children were those whose families could not afford to send them and who needed the guidance of loving adults.

Our goal for this summer is to send 24 children to camp, an impossible task without the help of the community. If you have readers who would like to contribute to this project, they may call me or send a check to Mrs. Alfred K. Leach, College Drive.

The Woman's Club is always grateful to you at *The News-Journal* for good help and publicity you give and the interest you always show in our projects. Thank you for any help you can give this special undertaking.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Clyde Knox
President, Raeford Woman's Club

While going through the files for items for 25 years ago, one was that the Hoke County United Fund was organized 25 years ago this week. During those years the fund has helped many causes and has also helped many people that were in need or had been burned out that never received any public notice.

During these 25 years the United Fund has paid 100% except for the past few years. This has caused concern to many of us here in Hoke County.

While reading the article that appeared in the issues of April 29, 1954, the following paragraph caught my eye and I wonder if this could be the cause of the let down in the fund drives. The paragraph is as follows:

"Purpose of the organization is to provide an opportunity for people of the county to give systematically and through one organization to charitable organizations. Through the United Fund a person may give to a particular charity or funds will be allotted on a basis of need by local directors to the several charitable organizations participating. By giving through the United Fund in one drive a year, individuals may budget their giving and all at once or on a regular payment plan."

Now the above was followed in the county for a number of years with the exception of just a few drives from organizations that wouldn't join the United Fund. But here in recent years it seems that there is a drive going on almost every other week. If this is what the people want, then the United Fund will continue to come up short of its goal. This will make it impossible for a budget to be made by participating organizations.

In talking with Gene Carter, president of the Hoke United Fund, he said that it would be a disaster to the Scouts, Red Cross, etc. if the organization would disband. This is true, but if they can't get the money to operate, this is also a disaster.

The local board of directors here get with other interested citizens once in the past month. They are at a loss as to what they can do. They need your help and advice. They will meet again in a week or so to make plans as to what to do this year.

If you have some suggestions to offer see Gene Carter, president or any of the following directors: Danny DeVane, James Cunningham, Robert Taylor, Tom Howell, Earl Fowler, Jerry McNair, Ralph Huff, Kay Thomas, Henry Dial, Onnie Dudley, Bob Gentry and Mrs. John Balfour.

See them today!