

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The writer of this column, Cassie Wasko, last week did such a fine job that she might be assigned an additional duty each week. Whether she knows it or not, that is the way that this writer got the assignment. The editor and publisher used to go away on vacation and also spend two weeks in National Guard camp and I thought it was really something to write his column entitled "Addenda". So you can see, that something you think is fun, can become a regular chore.

From all comments, except one, everyone was in high praise of this space last week and that goes doubly for this writer.

Thanks alot, Cassie!

The following note was handed to me Monday and asked that it, "please print in Around Town."

A special note of thanks to our Police Department from this Raeford citizen who is grateful for their assistance over the weekend.

So often theirs is a thankless job, and there are times when many of us take for granted the protection they give us. It is time we offer our appreciation to a department whose actions and responsibilities go unnoticed.

A grateful citizen
Donna Bernhardt

You are so right Donna. I asked the department to observe my house last week while I was away and last Friday after returning a call came from the police chief telling me of the times they observed my home and inquired if anything was missing.

You are so right, Mrs. Bernhardt, we don't show our appreciation as we should.

Also a note from Lillian F. Moore of Raleigh was enclosed with her subscription payment. She gave the "Kindest regards to you and Paul."

Thanks for the kind words about my family, Lillian F. and I also hope to see you the next time you are in Raeford.

A reminder to all the former members of Battery 'F' that the dates for the reunion is drawing near and we will need to know how many will be present. Also rooms could become hard to get in Charleston during the summer. So send your check to Baldy and make reservations at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston.

Please do so or Sam Snead may worry himself sick!

The reason Cassie wrote this column last week was because I accompanied my wife, Mary Alice, to Virginia Beach, Va. where she attended a conference for four days. I didn't attend the conference, but did have an enjoyable visit with my daughter, Sarah, who works in Portsmouth and lives at Virginia Beach.

We left Raeford early Saturday morning, May 12 and spent Saturday and Sunday with Sarah. The trip up was uneventful and even though she had moved since my last trip there, we went straight to her house. If Tidewater keeps growing and buildings going up, the people will have to push the ocean back to find a place for any more space.

We went into front street Sunday afternoon and checked in at the hotel and then watched the beautiful Virginia rain for three days. Mary Alice attended workshops for three days and a banquet one night. Sarah came over and we went out for dinner at night.

Now the only part of the conference that yours truly attended was a boat trip with the group on Wednesday night for a Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay.

Leaving the hotel at seven o'clock that night and returning after midnight is not too much fun for me. Maybe the loud sound of disco music and the loud talking and laughing above it added to my disappointment. But to top it all off, the temperature was in the 50s and with the sea breeze this was for comfort. (John D. McAllister, assistant superintendent for Hoke County was walking around with a popcoat on.) So this shows you how

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COVER PHOTO -- This picture taken last year by Allen Sandy of Raeford is the cover color photograph for the June issue of National 4-H News. The picture, which he titled "And Life Everlasting," represented North Carolina in the National 4-H Photography Exhibit held by Eastman Kodak November 26-December 1 at the National 4-H Congress.

Hoke Democrats Name Officers

Officers of the Hoke County Democratic Executive Committee and delegates to the Democratic district and state conventions were chosen Saturday at the party's county convention in the Court-house.

Gladys Dockery was elected third vice chairman, succeeding Mrs. Dorothy Johnson.

All the other officers of the past year were elected for the new year: Ken McNeill, chairman; Sara Leach, secretary; Ralph Huff, treasurer; Mildred Odom, first vice chairman; Mrs. James Farrow, second vice chairman; and Ralph Plummer, county member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Named delegates to the Seventh Congressional District convention were Jimmy Morrissey, Neill McFadyen, Plummer, Beverly McRae, Richard Coker, Pete Sawyer, Kathryn McPhatter, Lois Moore, Margaret McLaughlin, Boyd Edmund, McNeill, and Harold Gillis.

Named delegates to the state convention were Mary K. Thomas, Ruth McEachern, Rick Martinis, Eric Vann, Ernest Sutton, Willie McPhaul, Annie McKinnon, Morrissey, Gillis, Plummer, McNeill, Grace Kelton, Sawyer, McFadyen, Beverly McRae, Kathryn McPhatter, Bruce Dees, Juanita Malloy, and Brenda Parkins.

Hike In Tax, Water Rates Proposed

Raeford City Manager Ron Matthews recommended Monday night to the City Council that the current year's tax rate be raised 3 cents per \$100 property evaluation to 60 cents per \$100 for the new fiscal year.

Matthews told a reporter Tuesday he also has recommended the water rate for a minimum 1,000 gallons use be raised 12 1/2 cents. This would bring the charge for the minimum use to \$6.75 per month, from the current \$6. The rate goes down as more water is used.

Inflation particularly increased costs of utilities, including electric power, and loss of the largest source of water and sewer revenue, the Summerfield plant, is responsible for higher anticipated spending. The income from that source amounted to about \$75,000 a year.

The meeting Monday night was a budget work session for the council and Matthews.

A budget for the new fiscal year which will start July 1 is scheduled to be adopted June at the council's regular monthly meeting following a public hearing. The hearing will start at 7:30 p.m.

The draft of the proposed budget amounts to \$2,107,403, about \$75,000 above the current fiscal year's.

Matthews said the spending from the general fund is projected at \$966,238, about \$22,000 greater than the current year's approximately \$944,000; and from the water and sewer fund, \$582,395 about \$40,000 more than the current year's.

The remainder of the proposed budget consists of \$195,270 for

Hoke Sales Tax

The net proceeds from the Hoke County one percent sales and use tax in the first quarter of this year totaled \$65,374.25, the State Department of Revenue reported last week.

Board Lets Contract To Provide Trash Bins

Pickup Sanitation Service of Raeford Monday night was given the contract to provide the county with 15 garbage containers.

The local firm offered to supply the containers for \$5,527.50, the lowest price quoted by the four companies which bid on the contract, and the county commissioners during the mid-month meeting adopted a motion letting the contract to Pickup.

Jerry Whitley, vice president of Carolina Waste Systems, Inc., of Hamlet, which has the county trash and garbage collection contract, told the commissioners in April about 15 more containers were "absolutely needed."

The other bidders to supply the containers and their bids were Carolina Waste Equipment, \$5,700; Browning-Ferris Industries, \$5,900; and Controlled Environment, Inc., \$6,000.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Also during the meeting a contract with Hoke County Ambulance Service was approved by a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Mabel Riley voting against approval. She said she wasn't satisfied with the proposed record-keeping forms. She said the commissioners should be given a copy of the record of trips the ambulances made. She said the same during previous discussions of the ambulance contract.

The proposed sheet will contain a brief statement of the patient's problem, Commissioner Danny DeVane said if a copy of the statement is given the commissioners it would become public record, which would mean anyone would have to be shown the statement on request.

In reply to a question, County Attorney Duncan McFadyen quoted the contract as requiring complete, accurate records be kept by the ambulance service and the county could make an audit of the records.

The ambulance management was quoted as saying providing the commissioners with copies of ambulance trips would be expensive--20 cents per copy. Mrs. Riley replied that forms in triplicate could be printed at much lower cost.

John Balfour, chairman of the board of county commissioners, didn't vote on the motion to approve the contract, since the chairman votes only when a tie vote develops.

Under the general terms of the contract, the service will be provided for a subsidy of \$50,000 a year to be paid by the county. Adjustments in the amount of the subsidy will be determined by the national Consumer Price Index each year after the first year. The contract will become effective July 1, but the ambulance service owners and operators, Jim and Linda Henley, assumed the remainder of the period, to July 1, of the county's contract with Spring Lake Ambulance Service. This was done with the agreement of the Spring Lake firm and the approval of the county commissioners.

TRANSPORTATION

The commissioners were asked to provide a van to help transport senior citizens served by the Cameron Heights Neighborhood Center to the Nutrition Program lunches and to other places. The costs of operating private cars for the service have reason, the commissioners were told. Mrs. Nina Morrissey of the center staff, who presented the request, was informed by DeVane that the mileage allowance for cars used in services was to be raised to 17 cents per mile, from the present 14 cents by the Council of Governments for this area.

He said it would be possible for the increased

To UNC At Greensboro

Janet Best Wins Reynolds Scholarship

Janet E. Best of Raeford has been awarded a Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this fall. She plans to major in organ.

The Reynolds Scholarship winners were announced Friday by the UNC-G Competitive Scholarships Committee, which selected 25 recipients from the 71 finalists in the competition. Over-all, there were approximately 350 applicants from throughout North Carolina for the awards.

A senior at Hoke County High School, Miss Best is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Best of 1005 N. Fulton St., Raeford.

Last February she won the piano competition in the Arts Contest of District Nine, North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. In the same month she was named to the Hoke High Hall of Fame. Miss Best is active in the high school's chorus and chorale and is a piano

student of Mrs. Rachel Stevens.

Last April 27 she gave a piano recital at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

A member of the National Honor Society for two years, Miss Best was selected as chief marshal for the 1978 graduating class and has been recognized by "Who's Who in American High Schools."

A member of Raeford Presbyterian Church, she has been active in its choir, handbell choir, recorder ensemble, and youth fellowships. She is also a member of a community choir and has served as musical director at Shiloh Presbyterian Church for two years.

The amount of a Reynolds Scholarship ranges between \$500 and the total amount of money needed by an individual student. In some instances, this can go as high as \$2,200 per year. The scholarships are renewable for three additional years of undergraduate

study beyond the freshman year. Thus, over four years the range of a Reynolds Scholarship would be between \$2,000 and \$8,800.

The Reynolds Scholarships were established by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem in memory of Mrs. Katharine Smith Reynolds, a Woman's College (now UNC-G) alumna, wife of the founder of the Reynolds Tobacco Co. and mother of the late R.J. Reynolds Jr.

The winners come from 17 different counties in North Carolina.

The Reynolds Scholarships are open to males and females who are legal residents of North Carolina. Award winners were selected on the bases of superior academic achievement and potential, evidence of moral force of character, qualities of leadership and interest in others -- and motivation towards useful purposes in life.

During the past school year, 126 Reynolds Scholars were enrolled at UNC-G.



Janet E. Best

APPOINTED

The commissioners in other business adopted a motion appointing six people to the Youth Task Force, a community group which works with troubled juveniles.

The appointees are Lloyd Horne, administrator of the Hoke County Health Department; Kenneth Witherspoon, director of the County Department of Social Services; Ms. Chris Guy, head of protective services for Witherspoon's department; Harold D. Brewer of the Lumbee Regional Development Association; and Michael A. Fellows, 14, the youth representative.

The appointments are to terms which will expire June 30, 1980. The other members of the board are Mrs. Edna Poole, George Barbour, Ms. Artie McPhatter, the Rev. Kelly Wilson, David Kellum and John K. McNeill, an Upchurch Junior High School youth counselor.

The Youth Task Force's operation is required for participation on the state's Community Based Alternative program to help children with behavior problems. The county contributes 10 per cent of the CBA funds either in cash or assistance in kind, such as providing office space or secretarial help.

The county task force also would work with the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Program, also designed to help problem children. The program provides funds to states which provide places other than state training schools for juveniles who are "status offenders." These have run away from home, stayed out of school or done other things which wouldn't be offenses if they were adults.

The commissioners approved a proclamation concerning the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, which declared segregated schools unconstitutional. The decision was made in the case of Linda Brown, denied admission to a white school in Topeka, Kans. Jim Morrissey, head of the Hoke County chapter of the NAACP, presented the proclamation asking for the board's approval of it for the county.

The commissioners, with Mrs. Riley abstaining, voted to adopt a motion appointing Julian Butler to the Raeford Board of Zoning Adjustment as representative for the area in the one-mile-wide perimeter adjoining the city limits.

The board had appointed Agnes Mae Johnson Campbell nominated by Mrs. Riley, to the board but had to change the appointment after learning that Ms. Campbell lives just within the city limits.

The regular meeting followed public hearings in the courtroom of the Courthouse on proposed uses of federal revenue-sharing funds for fiscal 1979-80 and a proposed county flood-plain ordinance.

The ordinance was adopted by the commissioners after no one opposed it during the hearing.

The ordinance was adopted in connection with the new federal program to provide flood-damage insurance on private property.