

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

For the past few mornings it has been winter weather in Hoke County. The frost Monday morning was like a light snow. The car windows were covered and you needed a scraper to be able to get to work if you left home in the early morning hours.

The forecast is for warmer days the remainder of the week.

Last Friday we received approximately 20 wrong number calls at the office. The number here is 2121 and it seems that anyone calling 2131 or 2141 was coming in on our line.

We can't see how the telephone strike could have anything to do with this, but then we are not an expert in the workings of the telephone.

Things have been better this week so maybe the trouble has been repaired.

Anyway we didn't think that someone could get their finger in the wrong hole that many times!

The rain last Friday stopped the harvest of soybeans for a day or so, but we can't believe that farmers could have harvested anymore beans than in the past two weeks.

The combines have been busy and when you look at the size of them you wonder where all the beans they harvest can be put.

In my younger days the highways were crowded with wagons hauling cotton, but these days there are more acres of soybeans in the county than cotton.

Times change, but still marches on.

A telephone call recently came from Mrs. Ella M. Traywick from the Methodist Home in Durham. She was telling me about an old railroad ticket that she had that was used by her grandfather during the Civil War. Now most of you older folks remember Mrs. Traywick as writer of the Arabia News some years ago.

I asked Mrs. Traywick to send a copy of the ticket and she did along with the following letter.

"Dear Mr. Morris:
"I'm sending you the best photograph copy of my grandfather's last ticket he purchased during the Civil War 1863 (7 Oct).
"Hope it's clear enough that you can read it clearly. The office lady that made this copy says: why, Weldon is my home town. Could I make a ticket too? Yes, I told her, go ahead.
"A little excerpt aside from the ticket, my grandmother McFadden lived above Sandy Grove Church and cooked for the unit of Calvary Soldiers of Sherman's Army. They camped under a large oak tree at Sandy Grove Church. They left her an old horse to farm with when they left. Mrs. Ella M. Traywick."
Below is a copy of the ticket:

Laughlin B. Hadden
For the use of the passenger of this train:
INTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, U.S.A.
7-7-74 For One Seat
RICHMOND & PETERSBURG RAIL ROAD
RICHMOND TO PETERSBURG
For the use of the passenger of this train:
INTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, U.S.A.
7-7-74 For One Seat
PETERSBURG RAIL ROAD
PETERSBURG TO WELDON
For the use of the passenger of this train:
INTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, U.S.A.
7-7-74 For One Seat
WILMINGTON & WELDON RAIL ROAD
WELDON TO WILMINGTON

Thanks Mrs. Traywick for the letter and the copy of the ticket. It was also good to talk with you on the telephone. To some of the folks who might not know, Sandy Grove Methodist Church is still in use below Arabia. I believe most of the family of McFadden now spell their name McFadyen.

There is a great deal of history in Hoke County that is put up in the attic that should be brought out so that it could be recorded like this railroad ticket. If you will notice Mr. McFadden changed trains two times between Richmond and

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At Public Hearings On Community Development Program

Meeting On Housing Sought

The Board of Hoke County Commissioners Monday at the board's regular monthly meeting adopted a motion to arrange a joint meeting with Raeford city officials at public hearings on applying for a federal housing grant for improving housing.

County Manager James Martin was asked to meet with City Manager Ron Matthews to find dates convenient for both the county board and city council.

The hearings will be held to get private citizens' views on what city and county needs are in housing and also in water and sewer services.

The meetings also will determine whether the county will go into the project alone, or jointly with the city; and how much of a grant will

be applied for.

The board's action came after the commissioners heard Samuel Sally, community development specialist of the Fayetteville regional field office of the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, explain changes made for the fiscal year 1980 in requirements for qualification for Community Development funds for housing improvements. The funds are provided by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. A point system is used, with at least 200 points required to get approval of funds for housing improvements alone. Applications also may be made for funds for a comprehensive program, which also could include recreation projects, among

others outside strictly housing programs.

The commissioners are interested in the housing program.

Sally was accompanied to the meeting by John Holmes, the former CD specialist who has been promoted to regional housing specialist at the Fayetteville office. Holmes has worked periodically in Hoke County since 1976 on Community Development with Bill Altman, Hoke County Community Development director. Holmes also contributed some information to the commissioners on the housing program at Monday's meeting.

RESCUE, AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT

In other business, the com-

missioners adopted a motion authorizing the county manager to contract with the Lumber River Council of Governments toward applying for state Emergency Medical Service funds of \$2,875 for equipment. The state agency pays 75 per cent and local sources the remainder on a grant.

PERSONNEL

The commissioners adopted a motion not to reclassify before July 1, 1980, nursing and a clerk's positions in the County Health Department. The changes were asked by department Administrator Lloyd P. Horne so the employees would be eligible for needed pay raises.

Commissioners Danny DeVane

made the motion indicating the raises would not be fair to the county employees in other departments.

After DeVane made the motion but before it was voted on, Horne told the commissioners "the problem can't wait till July." He said one health department worker in another county is being paid \$14,400 though she has less experience than anyone in the health department.

Horne said he'd hate to lose someone with eight years' experience, and that he tried for "110 per cent work" out of the staff before asking for raises, indicating the employees were handling all the work they can now.

Horne said that, on Monday morning, when he arrived at the department he found 138 people waiting for service, and the daily 10 a.m. "rush" still lay ahead.

Horne said it's going to take two people to replace the clerk (for whom he had asked reclassification). He said she has to drive 40 miles to work from Fayetteville every day, and that she could get a similar public job in Fayetteville with a salary increase and merit raises.

The commissioners also adopted a motion made by DeVane approving reimbursement of not more than \$150 educational expense for a CETA employee in the health department as a laboratory technician. Horne said she needs to have a basic course in biology.

The same motion turned down requests for reimbursement of educational expenses for two health department nurses, who, Horne said, took extra at Pembroke State University at their own expenses on their own time, and without being required to.

The commissioners in other action adopted a motion to put the county "on the list" in a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Office of State Personnel for development of a classification pay plan for county employees. They were informed it will take about a year for the state agency to serve Hoke, in view of the current length of the waiting list.

OTHER BUSINESS

The commissioners also voted to buy aerial photographs of Raeford extending a mile beyond the city limits, for \$3,152, for tax mapping purposes.

They also decided to ask for bids on the work of re-evaluating private real property for tax purposes. This will be the re-evaluation required by the state to be made by each county every eight years by a private, non-county organization. The Hoke re-evaluation is due to be completed in 1982.

The Bank of Raeford was declared the central depository for county funds, in another motion adopted by the commissioners.

Wendell S. Young, Hoke County Agricultural Extension Service chairman, told the commissioners a Hoke County exhibit on county resources will be on display at the 1980 State Fair in Raleigh.

He also reported cooperation had been good on the part of the people of Pine Hill, Scurlock, and South Hoke communities in cleaning up trash in a project guided by Willie Featherstone, county Extension associate agent.

He said the Mt. Grove Church cemetery also has cleaned up in the project.

The commissioners adopted a motion to enter into a joint contract with Raeford to have test borings made at prospective sites of the new county landfill. The work will cost about \$2,500.

The commissioners authorized spending of \$500 and use by the Hoke County chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society of Bicentennial funds to help pay the expense of having a North Carolina Symphony concert given free of charge to students.

One concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. Feb. 21, with junior and senior high school students admitted free of charge; and another, on the morning of Feb. 22, for students in the fourth through sixth grades.

The Feb. 21 concert also is for adults, who have paid by buying memberships in the Hoke County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony, or in other ways.

Council OKs Purchase Of New Truck

The Raeford City Council Monday night at its regular meeting for October approved bids by Carolina Waste, Inc., of Hamlet to sell the city a residential garbage truck for \$51,087, and by Lumberton Machine, Inc., a sludge tank body for \$4,200.

City Manager Ron Matthews told the council the new truck, which can handle tree limbs and similar street debris, as well as garbage, will cut the expense of collections, which are now made by a total of two trucks and six men. Matthews said delivery of the new truck will be made in about 90 days.

The council also adopted a

motion making The Bank of Raeford the central depository for municipal funds for two years starting Jan. 1. The Southern National Bank, which has been the depository for 22 months, and The Bank of Raeford submitted proposals for the new period.

Matthews said before the council acted that in view of the similarity of the proposals and the excellent service the city has enjoyed in the past years from both banks, he was recommending that the bid proposal of The Bank of Raeford be accepted by the council for the next two years.

He also said the council should reconsider the arrangement at the

end of the two-year period and consider rotating the depository between the two banks.

In other business, the council approved adding a total of five street lights on residential streets. Four will be installed in the vicinity of 907 and 1011 E. Donaldson Ave., a section annexed May 7 to the city; and the other at 1002 N. Magnolia Street.

The council authorized Matthews to enter into a contract among the city, Hoke County and Koonce, Bobbe, & Associates, Inc., of Lumberton, to do engineering and topographic work on a site for a new city-county landfill site for \$2,500. The city will pay \$625,

which is 25 per cent of the cost. The work will include making test borings.

Earlier Monday the county commissioners authorized County Manager James Martin to enter into the contract for the county.

The council adopted a motion to change the name of Knit Away Drive to Faberge Boulevard. Knit Away Drive has been the name used for the entrance-exit street at the Summerfield textile plant. The plant closed in the winter of 1978, and Faberge moved into the building the following fall.

The change in name was made on the request of the Faberge management.

At Schools Feb. 21-22

N. C. Little Symphony To Perform

The North Carolina Little Symphony will give two programs in Hoke County schools in February, the Hoke County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society announced this week.

The first will be held Feb. 21, starting at 8 p.m., at Hoke County High School. It will be for adults, and, free of charge, for Hoke County junior and senior high school students.

The other will be held the morning of Feb. 22 for Hoke students of the fourth through sixth grades.

The chapter announcement said the chapter also will try to arrange a "discovery" program of the Little Symphony, for younger students.

The chapter's board of directors voted to sponsor Little Symphony programs this school year though the county board of education this year is unable to contribute to help pay the \$3,800 expenses. The county commissioners Monday authorized \$500 and Bicentennial funds to help.

The chapter will try to raise the

rest of the money from donations from businesses and other organizations, and from the sale of memberships.

The campaign to obtain donations was started this week.

The Feb. 21 concert will offer classic and semiclassical selections.

The program: Cimarosa -- Overture to Il matrimonio segreto; Mozart -- Divertimento No. 2 in D Major, K.131; Dvorak -- Romance in F Major for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 11 (Paul Goldsberry will be the violinist); Vivaldi -- "Winter" from The Four Seasons (Suzanne Kelly); and Leonard Bernstein -- Selections from West Side Story.

4 Write-in Votes Cast

Councilmen And Mayor Reelected

A total of 125 votes, four of them write-ins, were cast in the Raeford city election Tuesday as Mayor John K. McNeill, Jr., and the five

current members of the City Council were returned to office without regular opposition.

The turnout amounted to about 10 per cent of the city's total number of registered voters.

McNeill was reelected to his sixth two-year term, and Councilmen James (Benny) McLeod to his sixth, Bob Gentry to his second regular term, Sam Morris to his fourth, Graham Clark, his sixth, and Vardell Hedgpath, Jr., his second.

A write-in vote was cast for J. Fogarty and Buck Baxley each for mayor, and Leonard Miller and John Kay received a ballot each for city councilmen. A write-in vote for mayor was cast in Raeford Precinct Nos. 2 and 4; and both write-ins for councilmen, in Raeford No. 2.

McNeill led the balloting, receiving 123 votes: 40 in Raeford No. 1, 71 in Raeford No. 2, and 12 in Raeford No. 4.

The other totals were, in Raeford 1, 2, and 4, in that order: For Clark: 38-67-10 = 115
Gentry: 37-70-10 = 117
Hedgpath: 37-70-13 = 120
McLeod: 36-71-11 = 118
Morris: 38-68-11 = 117

Mrs. Mary McInnis Dies

Mrs. Mary Catherine McInnis died Tuesday morning in Moore Memorial Hospital at Pinehurst. She was 94.

The funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Galatia Presbyterian Church by Dr. David Sutton and Dr. John Ropp. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her sons, Thomas, Daniel F. and Smith McInnis of Raeford, Angus C. McInnis of Wagram, and James E. McInnis of Fayetteville; her daughter, Mrs. Mary Catherine Hare of Charlotte; 13 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and her sisters, Mrs. Sallie McInnis of Wagram, Mrs. Lelia Oliver of Fairmont, and Mrs. Annie Russell of Rocky Mount.

The family was to receive friends and relatives between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday at Crumpler Funeral Home in Raeford.

For many years, Mrs. McInnis



Mrs. Mary McInnis

wrote the Rockfish community news column for *The News-Journal*.



CENSUS MEETING -- Mrs. Berline Graham (standing, left), a community service specialist with the U.S. Bureau of Census office in Wilmington, talks Nov. 6 to heads and other members of Hoke County departments and agencies about recruiting qualified people as census takers in 1980. She also showed a film illustrating the uses for community benefits the information gathered in a census serve, showing the importance of getting every person to fill in census forms. Four-County Community Services is doing volunteer work with the census, in recruiting and other activities, but cannot help take the census. Mrs. Graham can be contacted through Charles McKoy of Four-County Community Services in the Hoke County Office Building, Raeford. The meeting Mrs. Graham addressed was held in the county office building.